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DINGLEY'S OWN ANZACS



During World War One 1914 - 1918 Dingley was a small farming community and 37 young men, who called the Dingley / Heatherton area home signed up to serve.

At this year's Anzac Day service in Dingley Village, wreaths will be laid in honour of three of those men. This is a brief history of their part in a significant period of Australia's history and culture, taken from surviving public records. But they were more than just these facts, they were sons, brothers and later husbands and fathers. They along with the other 34 local men were in the prime of their life when they volunteered to serve in a war far from home, which would be fought in places many had never heard of.

Lance Corporal Percy Bernard Laker
Service Number – 1012, 14th Battalion Australian Imperial Force

Percy Laker was born in Horsham Sussex UK and migrated to Australia in 1913, with the outbreak of war he did not return to the UK to enlist in the English forces but chose to join the Australian forces on the 9th Sept 1914 in Melbourne aged 22 years 5 months, giving his occupation as agricultural worker.

After basic training he arrived on the Gallipoli Peninsula on the 4th May 1915, shortly after the initial ANZAC landings.

Lance Corporal P B Laker was reported missing in action just over 3 months later on 8th August 1915, Gallipoli Peninsula. Following a Court of Enquiry held at Serapeum on the 28th April 1916, he was officially listed as Killed in Action on the 8th August 1915. On that date, the 14th Battalion was attacking the Turks on Hill 971, which was a costly failure.

His name appears on panel 40 of the 'The Lone Pine Memorial' at Lone Pine cemetery along with the names of more



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL A03022

than 4,900 Australian and New Zealand servicemen who died in the ANZAC area and whose graves are not known.

Gunner Alexander Longmuir
Service Number – 5980 2nd Field Artillery Australian Imperial Force
Enlisted in Melbourne on 14th July 1915 aged 26 years and 6 months, giving his occupation as market gardener

Arrived in Heliopolis Cairo on the 7th December 1915 and by the 22nd March 1916 embarked from Alexandria for Marseille arriving on the 28th March. He served in France and Belgium as a driver with 2nd Field Artillery Battalion.

Reported Wounded in Action 21st March 1918 and by the 17th April 1918 was admitted to City of London Hospital, Clapton suffering effects of shell gas. He returned to his unit 4th December 1918 in preparation of his unit returning to Australia but by March 1919, he was back in England again hospitalised, as dangerously ill with bronco pneumonia.

Left Southampton aboard the Hospital ship HMAT Wandilla on 31st March 1919 arriving in Melbourne 15th May 1919 with his condition listed as Bronco Pneumonia Debility.

He married Elsie Sarah Besant in 1920 and they raised a family. He died on 3 June 1938 in Kyneton, Victoria, at the age of 49 from war related injuries.

Pte Henry Booker

Service Number 7198, 5th & 12th Battalions Australian Imperial Force
Enlisted on the 29th November 1916 in Melbourne aged 25 years 6 months, giving his occupation as market gardener and place of permanent residence as Tootals Rd Dingley.

He left Australia on the 19th February 1917 by ship landing in England on the 26th April and proceeding to France to join the 21st Battalion on the 1st September.

He was wounded in action in France on the 4th October 1917 and admitted on 16th October 1917 to 1st Southern General Hospital Southampton with gunshot wound to right shoulder, classified severe. He spent time in several convalescent hospitals and returned to duty on the 1st August 1918 where he was assigned to the 2nd Command Depot where he attained the rank of temporary corporal.

Invalided out on 21st December and returned to Australia on the 8th February 1919 and finally discharged 23rd April 1919 returning to the family home in Tootals Rd

He married Reata Muriel Voigt and they had one son, Henry died aged 78 on 20th February 1969 still living in Dingley.

DINGLEY DOINGS



ANZAC DAY · 25 APRIL

Lest We Forget

ANZAC SERVICES

Once again the Rotary Club of Dingley Village will be organising services to commemorate Anzac Day at the memorial in Marcus Road. The Community Anzac Day Commemoration Service will be held on the 24th April commencing at 11am with the Anzac Day Dawn Service commencing at 5.45 am.

Once again, at the conclusion of the Dawn service there will be a Gun Shot Breakfast hosted by the Dingley Football Netball Club and the Dingley Junior Football club. The Dingley International will generously provide all the food plus

staff to cook the breakfast as they have for the last 5 years. Gold coin donation and all money raised from the Gun Shot Breakfast will go to the welfare of servicemen and women.

The football club will also be holding a Dingley Anzac Sprint after the service and anyone can enter with just a gold coin donation and again, all funds to the Servicemen. There will be heats and then Handicapped finals

We congratulate Kevan Thomas, Rotary club of Dingley Village, the Dingley Junior and Senior Football Clubs and all the team involved from the Dingley International for their wonderful community spirit and service on this special day.

DINGLEY DOSSIER DELIVERERS REQUIRED!

We desperately need people to deliver the Dingley Dossier in areas of Springvale South. There are two rounds of 500 Dingley Dossiers, if you like to walk and get paid for it as well please contact us. Adolescents over 15 years old welcome to apply. Ph 9558 1866



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It is a very exciting time at Make A Difference Dingley Village with the newly appointed Kate Smith (above) as Financial Counsellor.

Kate has come to us from a financial services background with additional

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IMPORTANT REPAIRS

Volunteers from the Dingley Village Men's Shed have been busy repairing the cubby house in the play area at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Children in child-care and playgroup are now able to play safely and the Centre thanks the hardworking volunteers for their efforts.

RAM RAID

As many of you many have seen, there was a ram raid on several of our local shops in Centre Rd, in March.

The damage done and subsequent loss of business impacts heavily on these small local businesses. We know the residents of Dingley Village will continue to support these businesses as they get back on their feet. The Community Association and the Neighbourhood Centre are currently planning a Community Safety meeting, with a police representative from Cheltenham Station in attendance. Notice of the Community Safety meeting will appear in the Dingley Dossier.

KINGSWOOD REDEVELOPMENT

The City of Kingston has lodged a request with the State Government Planning Minister to approve the formal exhibition of the Rezoning and Planning Permit applications made by the developer and to call for public submissions and objections. See media release further in the Dingley Dossier.

The timeframe for the Minister's decision is unknown, it may happen quickly or take months and to keep residents updated you can register with City of Kingston: www.kingston.vic.gov.au/kingswood

You can also register for details on how to lodge an objection at savedingley@gmail.com



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Letters to the Editor

SAVE KINGSWOOD GROUP INC - NEWS SPECIAL EDITION - APRIL 2018

Save Kingswood Golf Course from Destruction.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS APPROACHING . PLEASE REMAIN VIGILENT

Request for Planning Minister's Authorisation for Public Display has been Lodged by Kingston Council

The fight regarding the take over (merger) of the Kingswood Golf Course by Frankston based Peninsula Country Golf Club, and the sale to Australian Super's development arm ISPT continues. Rest assured that this sale has not yet settled and all options for the Dingley Village community to reject the rezoning

and horrendous over development of the site remain available to us.

Dingley Village was told that the business of the Kingswood club had become unviable and the merger was necessary to enable sale of the land and the proceeds used to enrich the Frankston club. So as a result of failed business decisions Dingley Village will be saddled with a massively overdeveloped high density ghetto while Peninsula (Frankston) gets a new \$25 Million club house!

The past 4 years has seen applications submitted to Kingston Council by the developers to obtain rezoning of the land from "Special Use" to "Residential 2", which if approved will see the central green space in Dingley Village replaced by a massive over-development of 514 lots in stage 1 and a further 250 plus lots in stage 2, that's at least 760 lots in total, possibly more.

This will bring a 20% increase in population to Dingley Village, housed in three storey flats over a significant part of the site. Together with their vehicles creating further traffic snarls, and all the other accompanying downgrades for our way of life due to the increase strain on already overstretched community infrastructure.

Your Save Kingswood Group Committee has been working continuously to persuade authorities that such an horrendous proposal cannot be permitted to proceed. At the various public meetings

hundreds of residents have expressed their rejection of the proposal. There has never been any public support for the proposal at any meeting.

At their September 2017 meeting, Kingston Council, while expressing the opinion that the development should not proceed, voted to send the proposal to the State Government Planning Minister requesting that he approve the formal exhibition of the Rezoning and Planning Permit applications and to call for public submissions and objections.

We are now advised by Council in their 8th March 2018 Media Release that they have now lodged their request with the Minister for authorisation to commence the process of calling for public submissions (i.e. objections). At the time of writing this article we are awaiting his response. His decision to authorise the start the public submission process may happen quickly or may take some months, we need to be vigilant and prepared to act. There will be a six week window to lodge submissions.

IMPORTANT :- Save Kingswood Group Inc will tell you when and how to lodge your objection letter with Kingston Council. Just send an email to savedingley@gmail.com with "Save Dingley Village Now" in the subject line saying "Please add me to your mailing list". Please also join the save Kingswood Golf Course (Dingley) facebook page and show your support..

This fight will be won if the majority of Dingley Village residents tell Kingston Council when their opinion is called for:-
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SAFE COMMUNITY

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Personal and financial information is currency for criminals online. With your stolen identity, a criminal may be able to access your bank account, obtain credit cards or loans in your name and potentially ruin your credit rating.

Tip: Treat your personal information as you would treat your money—protect it and don't leave it lying around for others to take.

How to protect your privacy and identity online

You need to be careful with how much personal information you reveal online. Sharing your address, telephone number, birthday, and other personal information can mean you are at a greater risk of identity theft, stalking and harassment. This includes information you post on social media.

You also need to think about what information you may have online that is spread across multiple sites. Identity thieves can piece together your identity from public information that is available about you online.

Take proactive measures to protect your information

- Use strong passwords and don't share them with anyone. Ideally use a random combination of numbers, letters and punctuation over eight characters long.
- Use a separate email address for shopping, discussion groups and newsletters. If you need to, you can then change this address without disrupting online business activities.
- Only share your primary email address with people you know.
- Adjust your privacy settings on social networks to control the amount and type of information you want to share.

Moderate your activity online and monitor for signs of compromise

- Check your billing and account records carefully to detect signs of potential identity theft early.
- Be careful when signing up to mailing lists – spammers sometimes use the unsubscribe button to validate addresses.
- Only make online purchases from companies that have a clear privacy policy and secure payment pages.
- Think before you fill out online forms and be careful with whom and

how you share your information. Ask yourself: do I really need to give my information to this site?

- Keep a record of what information you have given to whom.

Know what to do if your identity is stolen

- Notify your financial institutions.
- Change your passwords.
- Notify the relevant websites.
- Request a credit report from a reputable credit reference bureau.

Where to get help

If you think you have been the victim of identity theft, act quickly to avoid further damage. Contact IDCARE a free government-funded service who can help. 1300 432 273

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extended over the years to accommodate the growing family. The house still stands though derelict and no longer used.

Article supplied by Dingley Village Historical Society who meets monthly at 10am on a Thursday 31A Marcus Rd, Dingley Village. Ph. 9551 1799

COMMUNITY BANK UPDATE

The Bendigo Bank Dingley Village has generously provided a 12-seater bus for use by the Dingley Village community since August 2005 and you may have noticed it around the Village.

The bus is automatic and only requires a full car licence to drive; it is garaged in Dingley Village at the Neighbourhood Centre and is available for use by City of Kingston Community groups or local

residents for private use. Next time your group needs to transport some members to an activity or your vehicle will not accommodate the airport run with all those people and luggage, think about using the Bendigo Bank Community Bus. Since 2005, the Bus had regularly been updated to a newer model and City of Kingston carry out monthly safety inspections and maintenance

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The regular columnist for this article, Bank Manager, Anne McAllister is on much deserved leave.



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2018 ANZAC DAY SERVICES At Dingley Village Memorial

The Rotary Club of Dingley Village in conjunction with Springvale Sub Branch RSL invite you to attend our ANZAC Day Commemoration Services.

The Dingley Village Schools and Community ANZAC Day Commemoration Service on **Tuesday 24th April** commencing at **11.00 am**.

A **Dawn Service** on ANZAC Day commencing at **5.45am**.

A Gunfire Breakfast sponsored by the Dingley International Hotel will be available after the Dawn Service. Gold coin donation appreciated.

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SAY NO TO REZONING , SAY NO TO SUBDIVISION

Dear Dingley Village resident,

SOON it is time for you to tell Council how you feel about the loss of Kingswood golf course open space and the proposed massive housing overdevelopment.

After a long process, Kingston Council has finally applied to the Minister for Planning to prepare a planning scheme amendment (C151) regarding the developer's request to change the existing Kingswood golf course zoning from "special use recreational" to "residential" and to permit more than 800 building blocks. Some blocks are less than 200 square metres in size! (read 3-4 storey units)

Submissions (objections) must be lodged once the formal exhibition period has started and before the exhibition period ends (a 6-week period)

The Council will send a notification letter to all owners and occupiers in Dingley Village, notifying them of the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment and will provide the date by which submissions must to be lodged.

What can you do?

When you receive the Council letter, send in your objection

If a large number of residents of Dingley Village and other concerned people say NO, the Council will withdraw the request and ask the Minister NOT to approve any change.

If we all object, we can stop this disaster ruining the quality of life in our unique village. If you have objected to Council before, please do so again, as above, as previous objections are not recognised in this final official submission time.

Don't leave it up to your neighbour or the people down the street to lodge an objection. Tell your friends and neighbours to be sure to object. Apathy will ensure we get swamped with a high rise slum.

YOUR objection is vital; IT IS ALL ABOUT NUMBERS. (e.g., 890 residents managed to stop the overdevelopment of the old Mentone Hotel site). If you don't object now, don't complain when our Village is turned into a traffic snarled, high rise Ghetto!!!

This will be our FINAL chance to have a say in stopping this damaging project.

A sample objection letter will be included in the April or May Dossier issue. (depends on the Minister). Please sign and post to Kingston council or leave in the collection boxes at the Community Centre, 31B Marcus rd. or Michael Benjamin's Law Office 117 Centre Dandenong Rd.

Please photocopy the letter or collect spare copies from the Community centre or M. Benjamin's office, if you need more. Everyone over 18 years can object. (whether they live in DV or not).

It is not in anyone's interest (except the developer) for this proposal to proceed.

Planning decisions should be about improving our lives NOT about making them more difficult and stressful.

Council has now overseen the removal of the illegal truck storage depot on Spring Rd. and is working on the pile of skips stored opposite McDonalds.

The Australian Welsh Male choir returns to Dingley Village on Sunday 20th May. Don't miss out on hearing this premier Australian choir. Full details in the May Dossier



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Whilst our Registration and Come & Try Day has passed, please do not hesitate to contact us if you or your child is interested in playing.

Kirsten 0412 204 072

secretary@dingleybaseball.com.au



DINGLEY TENNIS CLUB

This year we have 4 nights of night competition and would welcome anyone that is interested in joining, just pop up to the club and see me (Tracey), call me on 9547 4839 or email admin@dingleytennisclub.com.au.

Monday Nights – Men's Comp, A and B grades.

Wednesday Nights – Mixed Comp

Thursday Nights – Open A Grade.

This night is open to all player and is our strongest competition. This night is

designed for the serious player looking for strong matches each week with the format being a Singles Super Set and a 3 Set Doubles (3rd set a match tiebreak).

Friday Night Free court hire, open to all the Dingley community 6pm to 8pm.

Our coaching starts again with the commencement of the school term. Coaching is for all levels and we have a great program called "Hot Shots" to introduce the young ones into the great sport of Tennis. Our coaching is run by Daniel Wendler from S.E.T Academy, please call 0402 000 874 for any further information.

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Kingswood Golf Course proposal to be formally exhibited

The community will have its say on the proposed rezoning of Kingswood Golf Course in Dingley Village if the Minister for Planning gives the go-ahead to begin a formal planning scheme amendment process for the site.

Kingston Council this week lodged a request with the Minister for Planning to authorise the amendment process to ensure the community is given the chance to make formal submissions on the proposed rezoning and development.

If authorisation is granted by the Minister, the amendment process will include a call for public feedback on the proposed development. Council will then need to review all submissions received and determine whether or not to refer the submissions to an independent planning panel for further review.

Mayor, and North Ward Councillor Steve Staikos said Council was keen to make sure the community were given a chance to make formal submissions about the plans.

“For some time, the Dingley Village community have been keen to see all the details of the proposed development and to have their say on the plans,” Cr Staikos said.

The Minister for Planning will now consider whether to authorise Council to publicly exhibit the proposed amendment and consult with the community. If approved, Council will widely advertise the submission period of six weeks including a direct mail-out to all residents in Dingley Village.

The proposed Planning Scheme Amendment seeks to:

- rezone the site from part Special Use Zone (Golf Courses) and part General Residential Zone (Schedule 3) to a General Residential Zone (Schedule 2) to allow for redevelopment of the site for residential purposes
- subdivide the land into 514 lots including 6 superlots and approval for buildings and works on lots less than 300 square metres
- apply a new Development Plan Overlay (Schedule 7) to the site to guide the future use and development of the land
- apply a Vegetation Protection Overlay, Environmental Significance Overlay and Significant Landscape Overlay to protect significant vegetation on the site.
- apply Environmental Significance Overlays to address potential impact of ground water contamination and landfill gas migration.

Cr Staikos said this was simply one step in a long process.

“Council’s planning officers have been working on the application for almost 2 years to ensure that all required information had been provided by the applicant. Now the community will have the chance to assess the plans and have its say. Following that community feedback period, Council is required to vote on whether or not they wish to refer the matter to an independent panel for advice,” Cr Staikos said.

Interested community members can register with Council to be kept informed about the different stages of the Kingswood Golf Course planning process. Register your interest by emailing your details to: strategicplanning@kingston.vic.gov.au

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Our next market is on Saturday 21st April, come along with your friends or organise to meet up while sitting among the trees. With breakfast and lunch options available as well as morning tea there is something for everyone.

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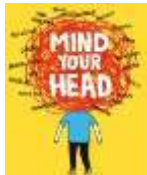


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KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER IN YOUR 50S

For many people, the decade between ages 50 to 60 represents a time of significant change. Some changes may be welcome, while others may be more difficult to manage. Either way, it is as important as ever to plan your way through this time of greater freedom and opportunity but also of uncertainty. The following are financial planning issues common to those in their 50s.

What sort of lifestyle?

Sometimes life has been so busy there has been limited time for choice – the kids' school and university fees, mortgage payments and work pressures have been enough to worry about. Between age 50 and 60 it can be a challenge to choose what you (and your partner) really want for the next few decades.

How much do you need in retirement?

This will depend on how you live. For instance, calculations by the Australian Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA) show that a couple in Victoria needs \$35,367 a year to live modestly and \$60,663 to live comfortably, assuming they own their home.

Setting a budget for your life in retirement is a vital step in achieving your retirement wealth target. Will you have enough invested to fund your entire retirement, which could be as long as 20 or 30 years?

Are your investments suitable?

Now is the time for you to ensure that your investments are working as hard as possible for you. Review your portfolio to determine that you still own the most appropriate assets.

If you have life and income insurance policies, do you have the right level of cover for your current circumstances?

There is no point paying premiums for cover you don't need – but on the other hand, take care in cancelling cover just as you reach an age when you might need it.

Are you taking full advantage of superannuation?

Superannuation is clearly the most tax-effective way to accumulate money for retirement and provide capital and income in retirement. Taking advantage of investing in super can make a big difference to reaching your retirement target, but there are many rules and regulations you must be aware of.

Have you planned beyond your lifetime?

People aged in their 50s will often have growing families as grandchildren start to appear. Some may have more than one family after separation, divorce and second marriages. Taking time to think about how you want your assets to be distributed after your death can save a lot of heartache for those left behind.

Don't forget that the payouts from life insurance policies and superannuation don't necessarily form part of your estate and may need to be distributed separately from your will.

With all of these points to consider, the first step in updating your financial plan may be the hardest – but it is also the most rewarding.

Your licensed adviser can help you focus on the next stage of your life with better certainty.

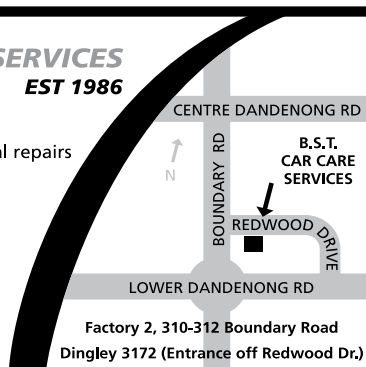
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HIP REPLACEMENT

Hip replacement surgery, also known as total hip replacement/arthroplasty, can help alleviate the pain associated with an arthritic hip. It is also used to treat patients with fractures of the hip/upper femur or a condition known as avascular necrosis, which is when a part of the top of the thighbone dies. The procedure allows an excellent return of function. Advances over the last few decades have allowed for the availability of durable prostheses with a proven longevity of the implant. The remaining challenges include, infection, dislocation, wear and fracture around the prosthesis.

When should you have a hip replacement?

If you have an arthritis hip that is painful, a hip replacement can be considered. Most of the time, it is an elective procedure - that is, you choose if and when you to undergo a hip replacement. If you have little or no pain, then you do not need to consider surgery. However, if you have significant pain, especially if it limits your day to day function, then a hip replacement should be considered. Occasionally, the surgeon might recommend proceed-

ing with surgery sooner. For example, the socket of you hip might be collapsing making a hip replacement in the near future inevitable and delaying the operation might make it more difficult.

What are the components of a hip replacement?

The hip joint is made up of a socket in the pelvis (called the acetabulum) and a ball (called the femoral head). A hip replacement comprises of a socket called the acetabular component (or shell). Inside of it sits a bearing surface called the acetabular Liner. The ball component of the hip replacement can either be a cap that sits over the femora head (a hip resurfacing) or a ball that sits on top of the stem (called the femoral stem).

What are the different types of hip replacements

The socket can be fixed to the native pelvis either by using a 'press fit' (most common) whereby the patient's bone grows into the metal or occasionally, by using polymethyl methacrylate (known as bone cement). The types of stems can also be divided into cemented and cementless

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What are the surgical approaches?

There are three commonly used approaches to the hip, from the back/buttock (posterior), the side (lateral or Hardinge) and the front (anterior). It is important to understand that each approach has its advantages and disadvantages, they do not necessarily lead to a quicker recovery and complication rates vary. The most important aspect of hip replacements is the long-term outcome. This is best achieved by good surgical exposure and using proven prostheses that have a long track record i.e. over 15 years.

What are the success rates of hip replacements?

They are very successful in reducing pain and improving function. However, there are challenges that persist:

1. Infection, whilst rare, can occur any-time, from days to years after the sur-

gery. There are many ways to reduce the risk of infection for e.g. antibiotics.

2. Dislocation of the prosthesis can occur irrespective of the approach. Bending your hip to an extreme position may cause dislocation
3. Wear of the liner – less of an issue with modern day polyethylene and ceramics.
4. Fracture – the bone can break either during implantation of the prosthesis or in a fall. It may require further surgery.

How long will I be in hospital?

The length of stay will depend on your surgeon, ward nursing staff and physiotherapist.

Do I go to rehabilitation after surgery?

Patients who go directly home after a hip replacement recover best. This should be discussed with your surgeon, nurse and physiotherapist. Rehabilitation can be done as an outpatient. The option of rehabilitation at home is becoming increasingly available, whereby, the physiotherapist comes to you.

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By Darran Yeow



HOW CAN VISION THERAPY HELP YOUR EYES?

Vision Therapy may be recommended for patients with vision problems that cannot be resolved with glasses alone. A vision therapy programme is designed to help develop more awareness of how we use our eyes. It is not simply eye exercises to make the eye muscles stronger but rather helps to retrain how the brain interprets visual information.

Vision therapy can be used to help improve eye turns (strabismus), a lazy eye (amblyopia), double vision, eye teaming and focussing issues, post concussions, traumatic brain injuries, enhance performance in sports and reduce myopia. Vision therapy can also be used to help children with dyslexia, on the autism

spectrum and those with leaning difficulties. There have been some misconceptions about vision therapy and dyslexia in the media. Behavioural optometrists do not diagnose dyslexia and vision therapy is not designed to treat dyslexia. However, children with dyslexia often have undiagnosed vision problems that can be helped with vision therapy. In any instance, we treat the underlying vision problem such as eye tracking and visual information processing which are required for learning.

The therapy process is conducted using various lenses including prisms. Vision therapy not only focusses on the eyes but also movement of the eyes, since,

the primary purpose of vision is to direct action and guide us through our daily activities. The goals of vision therapy will vary for each individual however; the overall outcome is to develop a visual system with better efficacy to perform tasks with less effort. There will be better spatial awareness and more flexibility in the visual system.

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OVERCOMING RESISTANCE TO CARE

April 7 2018 is World Health day across the world. World Health Day's message is simple: giving people access to healthcare without the prospect of financial hardship. In Australia we are lucky to have Medicare a publicly funded universal healthcare system for all residents.

As defined by World Health Organization, Health is a "State of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." And as we grow older the need for support with daily activities changes even if we are not suffering from any disease.

"Having discussions about what your loved one would want if they needed assistance with dressing, bathing, meals or if they needed more medical care can be helpful to know where to begin looking for care when the needs arises," however, often parents and children avoid these conversations because they are uncomfortable. It might seem like it's never a right moment to start a conversation about care. But take heart. There are steps and

strategies that can reduce the stress surrounding conversations about care and minimize your parent's resistance to considering it.

As part of the Australian Government's continuum of care for older people in Australia, they fund the Home Care Packages program. The Home Care Packages Program provides older people who want to stay at home with access to a range of ongoing personal services, support services and clinical care that help them with their day-to-day activities.

Often, deciding to stay in their home, what to eat for lunch, or what to wear are the only decisions your loved one is able to make these days. Acknowledge your parents' fears regarding the future and their disappointment with not being able to function independently lets them know you understand the difficulty they have accepting this stage of life.

Avoid saying "You need/have to..." or "You should..." as these phrases "take control away from your parent and

will likely put your mom or dad on the defensive." Most adults fear losing independence and control. Using language that respects these fears can often help you tackle difficult conversations around care. Ask your parent, "What would it be like if you had help with" to elicit a response that is meaningful and might lead you both to a solution.

Rather than taking control, collect your loved one's opinions and desires and then act as an advocate to see them fulfilled as close to the intentions as possible. "If they want to stay in their home, discuss helping them evaluate whether this is feasible instead of shutting it down." With your parent present (if possible and feasible), talk to area agencies on aging or their physician to help determine the safety of the current living situation and for recommendations on future needs.

And be patient. "This is a marathon, not a sprint." "Don't try to solve all of the problems in one conversation." Instead, bite off small chunks, celebrate wins, and revisit the topic often.

Feel free to reach out to us at Home Care Assistance, SE Melbourne, for professional carer support or just a friendly chat.

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AIRLINES AND THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW

A few days below Christmas last year, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) released a report titled "Airlines: Terms and Conditions".

In this report the ACCC focuses on issues arising from services provided by Australian airlines. Specifically issues relating to consumer guarantee rights and contract terms which may be unfair when considered against the Australian Consumer Law (ACL).

The report is important because the ACCC appears to acknowledge that there have been failings by Airlines to date with respect to their ACL obligations.

In a positive development for consumers, the ACCC says that in 2018 it will "engage with the Airlines to discuss [their] expectations for change." Although this statement appears benign on the face of it, it is fairly significant in that the ACCC is putting Airlines on notice. In this respect the ACCC goes on to say "While we do not ordinarily pursue individual consumer matters, in this area, where steps are not taken, the ACCC may need to action a number of individual matters to effect broader changes."

The ACCC notes that between 1 January 2016 and 14 December 2017 they received over 1400 consumer complaints about airlines including hundreds of complaints relating to consumer guarantees and excessive fees.

Their report focused on the following issues:

1. 'No refund' statements on the Airlines' websites;
2. Excessive fees for flight cancellations and changes; and
3. The application of consumer guarantees, including statements made about a customer's consumer guarantee rights under the ACL, in circumstances where flights have been cancelled or delayed.

1. 'No refund' statements

According to the ACCC:

"A number of airlines make statements on their websites that sale, low cost and non-flexible economy fares are non-refundable. These statements most commonly appear in sections outlining the Fare Rules.

'No refund' statements may lead consumers to believe they are not entitled to a refund under any circumstance. However, consumers who purchase goods and services have rights to remedies under the ACL which businesses cannot restrict, alter or remove.

In most instances the 'no refund' statement is qualified in the Airlines' Conditions of Carriage, which explain when a refund can be obtained and refer to the ACL obligations.

However, the ACCC is concerned that these qualifications are not sufficient to clarify the initial and prominent no re-

fund representation. The Airlines' Conditions of Carriage are lengthy, often in fine print, and it can be difficult for consumers to find the relevant information."

When dealing with no refund issues, consumers should be aware that notwithstanding claims by Airlines, they may be entitled to refunds for services not delivered. Each instance will turn on its own facts. Suffice to say consumers should not be deterred by Airlines fobbing off any refund enquiry. Where practicable, consumers should seek more information and clarification from the Airline including putting a pointed question to them about the ACL and how a denial of refund is consistent with the ACL in this regard.

2. Excessive fees for cancellation and changes

The ACL protects consumers from unfair contract terms in 'standard form contracts' which is what Airline contracts are. That is, standard form contracts are contracts which are prepared by one party and offered on a 'take it or leave it' basis.

To be an unfair contract term the term must meet certain legal definition – essentially be such that it causes imbalance in the parties' rights and obligations, not required by the advantaged party to protect their legitimate interest and cause a detriment to one party where it is relied on.

According to the ACCC:

"The ACCC recognises that the Airlines differentiate fares with different levels of flexibility. This means that a consumer often has less flexibility to cancel or change their flight details when they have purchased a cheaper fare. This is not problematic in itself.

However, where the size of the fee imposed by the airline to cancel or change a flight is disproportionate to the cost of the original fare, or is unrelated to costs, then concerns may arise.

The ACCC is particularly concerned with fees imposed by airlines where the charges are the result of decisions or circumstances within the control of the airline rather than the consumer..."

For consumers, the message is that where you have had to cancel a flight (or the airline has cancelled the flight) and seeks to impose a substantial cancellation fee on you that is disproportionate to the fare, the cancellation may be in breach of the ACL.

This means you may have remedies against the Airline.

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3. Consumer Guarantees: Changes and cancellations

On this issue, the ACCC report states:

“The ACL creates a basic set of guarantees for consumers who acquire goods and services. These are intended to ensure that consumers receive the goods and services that they pay for. When these consumer guarantees are not met, consumers are entitled to a remedy. The remedy consumers are entitled to will depend on whether the failure to comply with the guarantee is major or minor.

There are three guarantees relating to the supply of services such as airline travel:

- guarantee as to due care and skill;
- guarantee as to fitness for a particular purpose; and
- guarantee as to reasonable time for supply.”

Consumers should not take an Airline’s word that they cannot offer a remedy because it is “not in their policy.” The starting point for any consumer remedy should be the ACL and not the Airlines policy especially where the Airlines policy is inconsistent with the ACL. It is important to note where Airlines make claims that that an ACL remedy is not available to a consumer, this may also amount to misrepresentation by the Airline.

Conclusion

As stated above, Airlines, like other service providers Airlines must ensure they comply with the ACL, avoid unfair contract terms and make sure their terms and conditions are consistent with consumer guarantees.

Practically, where you have a dispute with an Airline, as a starting point you should collect evidence such as tickets; boarding passes, flight itinerary, receipts (including of all costs incurred by you), correspondence with Airline, detailed notes of any phone discussions.

Where you are not able to deal with the Airline yourself especially in asserting your ACL rights, it may be you contact the ACCC or a community legal centre. Alternatively if you have no luck with these avenues or if the dispute is substantial, you should seek advice from a lawyer.

For more information or assistance please visit our office or contact us on (03) 8555 3892.

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LOOKING AT LOANS



LIFE IS OPPORTUNITY

Went to Stanford University, San Francisco recently, attended the Graduate School of Business on an Executive Education program. Learning from the best of the best in the Stanford classroom and from Silicon Valley company executives (including for example Google), was amazing - massive learning, awesome experience.

However, the biggest take from the nine days away was not part of the program; it was an 8-mile bike ride through San Francisco and over the Golden Gate Bridge.

First, I need to set the scene: Born and raised on the wheat plains of Watchem West, the soft dirt was no place for a bicycle. From the age of seven, a Kawasaki 50 motor cycle was the sensible mode of transport on the farm.

So now, I am 55 years old and a small group of friends decides to hire bikes to ride the streets of San Francisco and invites me to join them. My answer? “I have never learnt to ride a push bike, but I’ll give it a go!”

Now I do not recommend learning to ride a bike for the first time in the centre of the city of San Francisco with their steep hills, and traffic on the wrong (right) side of the road, but it was certainly fun.



From a life perspective? Business, leadership, and life is all about pushing yourself to new experiences, stretching the boundaries, taking calculated risks. If water is left in a pool unmoving it will become stagnant, so too with your life, so too with your loans.

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DINGLEY SCOUT GROUP

We meet at Dingley Scout Hall, 65 Centre Dandenong Road, Dingley Village

Mondays: Joeys (5 – 8 years of age): 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Cubs (8 – 11 years of age): 7.00pm-8.30pm

Tuesdays: Rovers (18-26 years of age): 8.00pm – late

Fridays: Scouts (11 -14 years of age): 7.30pm-9.30pm

Our Joeys are getting ready for Kangaree (where they have an opportunity to 'camp' (inside a pavilion) and play with hundreds of other new friends.

Our Scouts have been having a few camps this term, a state-wide camp called BayJam was held in January. Our scouts will be working on the environment by helping do some clean up at Wilson's Prom in March and will be camping at Mt Martha at Easter.

Scout Founders Day is held each year on the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, who started the scouting movement. This year our Cubs joined in with all other cubs within the City of Kingston and celebrated Founder's Day with some games at Mordialloc Beach. Congratulations to Ben, one of our Cub scouts who



has just earned his Grey Wolf, which is the highest achievement in the Cub section of scouting. Ben will now advance to the Scouts section as a highly valued team member.

For further information please email: gl.dingley@scoutsvictoria.com.au or phone/text 0402 489 773



DINGLEY CHELTENHAM VIEW CLUB

(Voice, Interests, and Education of Women) had their first meeting for the 2018 year. We are part of the national network of women supporting the work of The Smith family who sponsor disadvantaged Australian children ensuring they have access to education through their Learning for Life Programme. Sponsorship provides disadvantaged students financial assistance, emotional support and access to learning and educational programmes to help them get the most from their education.

President Chris Demetrious outlined the activities for the year ahead with fun

outings to be shared each month as well as our monthly meetings with interesting guest speaker. We are keen to ensure we are able to continue to sponsor our two students though their school life and hope with the planned activities through the year we are able to increase the number of students we support.

Women of all ages are most welcome to join us as we share fun and friendship whilst making a difference to young lives.

We meet second Tuesday of the month 10.am until approx. 1130.

Where: Aces Sporting Club Cnr Springvale Rd and Hutton Rd Keysborough. Easy Parking and access.

For further information contact Fran Thomas 0419 309 931 or franniet@gmail.com

DINGLEY 60 PLUS SOCIAL GROUP

March has seen our members enjoying dinner, live music and dancing at our local Night Clubs. We started the month with a dinner at Springvale – Bistro and a Thai dinner at Bentleigh. Members attended a Sunday Brunch and walk at Mordialloc plus a movie evening at Brighton. The wandering gypsies are once again gathering up steam and heading to all points of the compass – Bon Voyage to those on the move.

If you are in the 60 Plus age group and are at a bit of a loose end any Thursday night come along and join the group for a casual chat and your preferred beverage. We meet after dinner at the Dingley International Hotel (DIH) in the newly renovated Bistro, or sometimes just inside the Gaming Room door, from 8.00 PM onwards. Seek and you shall find. A list of proposed activities over the next month or so is available at these gatherings.

Regular activities undertaken by the group include dinners, theatre nights, movies, BBQs, picnics, breakfasts, concerts, holidays, trips, walks and dinner dances.

We are always happy to welcome new members to the Group. Any en-

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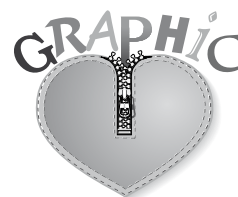
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DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED

What's been happening?

We ran a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Keysborough on Saturday February 17th March. It was cool but clear when our scouting party arrived at Bunnings circa 7.30am, to set up for the day and with a team of 26 shedders scheduled to assist over the day we were up and running by 8am

Obviously, word got out that the Dingley Village Men's Shed boys were on duty and they came from everywhere to sample our offering. Even kids from nearby sporting activities, who not intended to shop at Bunnings that day, came for a feed and loved it.

We were so busy that we had to send out for more sausages and onions and only just got to 4pm with the stock we had.

Many customers took our brochures so it was a good promo for our shed as well as a fantastic fundraiser, grossing over \$1,600, which will be well spent on shed activities.

We wish to express our appreciation once again for the wonderful support given to the Dingley Village Men's Shed by our sponsors:

Bunnings for making their store and all of the equipment available to us.

Bakers Delight for providing 50 loaves of bread.

Woolworths - Dingley Village for providing a \$100 voucher for the sausages

The A Team of Graeme, Lawrie, Frank, John, Gary, Derek, Eddie and Robert O'Brien built and installed a seat at Karkarook Park for the Williams family in memory of their son Gareth. (see below) It has been placed in a tranquil location on the walkway overlooking a small section of the lake. Rangers are planning to have some more native plants, planted to further enhance the area.



Last but by no means least a very special expression of appreciation to the Bendigo Bank- Dingley Village for granting us \$4,000 to go toward materials for the veranda of the shed extension.

PROBUS CLUB DINGLEY CENTRAL

The 4th March meeting was our AGM and was very capably chaired by Dora Kambouris, a Member of the Rotary Club in Dingley Village; also present was Allison de Koning from Ray White Real Estate. Brian Stooke was elected as President,

Mary Daly Vice President, Treasurer Judy Collins, Secretary Graham Kilby, Assistant Secretary Ann Kilby, Welfare Sylvia Stollery & Lorraine Jenkins, and Activities Director Jude Brown. Committee Members, Vera Rebbechi, Julie McPherson, Melva Stooke, Sue McConchie & Lorraine Jenkins. Harry Patterson thanked our past President for a job well done, Kaye responded, expressing her thanks to our wonderful Committee, closing with a beautiful poem by A A Milne, "Forgiven".

With attendances of around 100 each meeting and all the help from many volunteers, no wonder this is such a successful, friendly Club. Our April general meeting will be on 9th (as the 1st Monday will be Easter). Film day 11th, Camera Club on 12th, Probus Friendship Day on 16th at Mornington Races, our day tour on 18th is to Rayners Orchard in the Yarra Valley, Men's Lunch at 50 Acres on 19th at 12.30pm. MTC "All things Considered" on 20th at 8.00pm, the Craft group meet at DVNC at 10am on 23rd. FAC "Great Songs of the War" at 10.30am on 24th, Games Day at 10.30am on 26th. Two events on 27th the Walking Group meet at DVNC at 9.30am and Morning Melodies "A Tribute to the Anzacs" at 10am.

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month at the Salvation Army Hall, 13 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village and we always welcome new members and visitors.

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ROTARY CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE



Good afternoon fellow Dingleyites on a beautiful and sunny Saturday afternoon. Time for your monthly report from your Rotary Club of Dingley Village scribe.

Firstly, a very big thank you to all those Dingley residents and friends who supported the recent Rotary Club's charity golf day. The day was very well supported, with over eighty players who enjoyed a wonderful day of good fellowship, good golf and that wonderful fuzzy feeling that comes from enjoying a wonderful day knowing that every cent spent goes to truly worthwhile charitable causes, most of which are located in the Dingley area. Give yourselves a well deserved round of applause.

All holes were graced with a sponsor, the weather treated us kindly and a large amount of money was raised for our charitably causes.

For those of you that could not support us this year, for whatever cause, we look forward to welcoming you next year. I will not embarrass the winners by naming them, nor embarrass myself for not being amongst them, I did however have the exquisite pleasure of accepting the Challenge cup fought over each year between Your Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Noble Park. I am informed that there is a protest pending from the hard losers at Noble Park, but I can assure all Dingleyites that it will not succeed.

The other main event of note that has transpired since my last epistle was the Rotary district Conference held over three days in Bendigo at the Bendigo Gaol Conference Centre.

Over three hundred Rotarians gathered at this venue for three days of Rotary information, good fun and stimulating addresses from a variety of informative and fascinating lecturers.

There was a great mix of speakers ranging from the inspiring and the comic and as is common with all the previous conferences I have attended over the years, one travelled home much wiser than was the case on arrival. I shall not attempt here to comment on the depth of care and

wisdom imparted by the more challenging subjects covered, I will however impart an amusing incident related by Guest speaker Mr. Tom Gleisner. Many of you will know of Tom; he has had a varied and successful career covering many facets, one of which was as the writer of the dialogue for the film The Dish and that other classic of Australian culture, The Castle.

The Castle, as most of you will probably know, was produced on a budget that would buy an oily rag. When searching for a suitable house for the family scenes, it had to be weatherboard, very close to the airport and be loaned to the film company for a period of about eleven days, which was all the budget could afford.

The house was found, unfortunately inhabited, but the inhabitants were agreeable to be moved elsewhere, at the Companies cost, for the required days. Problem solved?

Not quite so, as the walls of two rooms were too close for the cameras to film the action and had to be temporarily removed. In fear and trembling, permission was requested from the displaced residents and duly agreed too. It was only later learned that the displaced residents were only tenants, not the owners. To tell the owner "She was dreamin" didn't help. There is a rumour that her first name was Janine, which gave rise to that other masterpiece of Australian literature, "Not happy Jan," but your scribe cannot vouch for the accuracy of this.

As always, your Rotary Club is ever ready to tender a warm welcome to all and any prospective members. Do yourself a favour and volunteer for the best job you'll never be paid for. I can guarantee you will never be sorry.

Your Rotary Scribe,
Dudley Podbury.

PROBUS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE INC.

Our March general meeting was shorter than usual, to allow time for an extended morning tea before the Annual General Meeting. Members appreciated the extra time for a cup of tea or coffee, and a chat.

The Annual meeting heard reports from the outgoing President, and the Secretary and Treasurer. Following this, the returning officer confirmed the

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nominations of the office bearers and management committee for the following year 2018/2019.

The April general meeting will hear from Gary Newton, former radio and TV presenter and voice over expert, who is also a polio survivor and disability/pro vaccine campaigner. Other activities in April will include a movie lunch on the 19th, and Morning Melodies at the Waltzing Matilda Hotel on the 27th from 9.30am.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Dingley Sports and Social Club at Souter Oval, from 10.00am. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at our meetings, and for further information, or to join one of our activities, please contact either President Ursula on 9547 2580 or Secretary Davina on 9551 1217.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DINGLEY VILLAGE

"Members of the Dingley Village Branch of the Country Women's Association, in response to enquiries, have decided to trial evening meetings. The first of these meetings will be held on Wednesday 27th June, commencing at 7.30pm and we would welcome hearing from anyone interested in attending. Please contact Diana our Secretary, on 9580 6150 or President Lindy, on 9579 2574."

A Mother's Day stall will be held at Woolworth's Dingley store, on Friday May 4th, for our Dingley friends to buy some small gift for their "MUMS"

Our member Sandra has six knitted woollen rugs to be taken to Berry Street for them to pass on, for someone to keep warm in the coming winter cold nights.

In March, a few of our members attended an afternoon birthday celebration at the Hampton CWA Branch, for 71 years of Friendship and Service to CWA and their community.

Our next craft day is Wednesday 11th at 10 am at our craft leaders home, fingers finishing off items for the Mother's Day Stall in May

The next meeting will be held at DVNC 31B Marcus Rd Dingley Village on Wednesday April 25th at 10 am. Visitors Welcome.

BOOMERANG BAGS FOR DINGLEY VILLAGE

We are a small group of friendly volunteers from Dingley village who meet on the 4th Saturday in the month from 1.30 to 5.00 at the Dingley Scout hall. Boomerang Bags started in Queensland 4 years ago and has spread worldwide. Coles and Woolworths announced plans last July to phase out plastic bags over the next year. The demand for replacement bags made from environmentally friendly material is expected to be huge and we need help supporting this cause. We use donated materials, doonas, pillowcases if you have any material that could be donated please contact one of the names listed below. For those who prefer weekday sewing come along to the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre on the 2nd Tuesday of the month between 9.30 and 12.30, where we stitch, iron, cut out or screen-print the bags. The bags are available at Dingley Village Farmers Market, Borrow and Bring Back Bags are intended to be brought back to the market and reused for your shopping and are free. Bought to Support Bags are \$5.00 and are yours to keep. If you can spare some time for this worthwhile cause and would like to help – no sewing experience required please contact any of the names below and we will be happy to chat to you. Alternatively if you would like to sew at home that would be fantastic.

If you are a retailer and would like to distribute our bags, please let us know.

Weekend - Tiffany 0425 222 089
Weekdays- Debbie 9551 6521 Helen 9551 1658

DINGLEY VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INC.

We would like to wish all of our readers a Happy Easter and hope that you enjoy the break. Last month we had our double-prize Bingo afternoon as well

as our Trade Table. Sincere thanks are extended to those who contributed goods for the Trade Table as well as to those who provided home-made cakes and biscuits – these items are always popular.

We would especially like to welcome our new Members and hope that they enjoy their time with us.


Arranged activities for the month of April are as follows:

- 2nd Easter Monday holiday – no Club activities;
 - 9th Committee Meeting followed by games and afternoon tea;
 - 11th (Wednesday) – a social trip to the "Naked Racer Café" for morning tea followed by lunch at the Moorabbin/Cheltenham RSL.
 - 16th Bingo followed by afternoon tea;
 - 23rd Club birthday lunch (catered by "Pancakes on the Run") followed by entertainment to be provided by one of our members;
 - 30th Bingo followed by afternoon tea;
 - May 7th – Committee Meeting followed by games and afternoon tea.
- Please Note: Bookings are essential for the events on the 11th and the 23rd of April.

If you would like to come and join in with our activities, our friendly group meets in the Harold Box Hall, Marcus Road, Dingley, mostly of a Monday from 12:30 p.m. If you have a query or for any further information please contact our President, Lyn, on 9585 5039 or our Vice President, Maureen, on 9551 8425.

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Our Church program for APRIL is as follows:

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Easter Sunday 1st April: 10.00am Worship Service at the Harold Box Hall, 31 Marcus Road, Dingley Village

SUNDAYS

10.00 a.m. Worship Service at the Harold Box Hall, 31 Marcus Road, Dingley Village.



***Kids Church** in the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre - 10.30am to 12 noon, children from birth to Grade 6. All welcome.

MONTHLY GROUPS:

* **Homemakers** - 1st Monday of each month. 7.45pm, 23 St. Mark's Close, Dingley Village.

Men's Group - Tuesday 10th April. 6-9pm. BBQ, fellowship and sharing. 7 Fiveways Boulevard.

LIFE GROUPS:

***Youth** - Fortnightly Tuesdays 6.30pm. 10 Lando Place, Springvale South. 17th April.

*Wednesday nights - Fortnightly 7-8.30pm. 25th April. 4 Jane Court, Dingley Village.

Sunday nights - Fortnightly, 7-8.30pm. 8th and 22nd April. 98 Stanley Road, Keysborough.

PRAYER TIME:

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am at church office. Tea/coffee afterwards.

Monthly - Saturday 21st April; 7-8am and 9-10am at church office.

BIBLE STUDY:

*Women's - Thursday 26th April. Precept Ministries study on the book of Ruth. Fortnightly at the church office 10-11.30am.

Open - Thursday 26th April. Fortnightly at church office 2pm. "Trusting God".

*Not held during school holidays.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 5th May 8-10am at the Salt Café, Heatherton Christian College,

Guest speaker Susan Bradshaw. Cost \$25. Contact Faye Hardman 0409 400 106 for tickets Bookings open Sunday 22nd April.

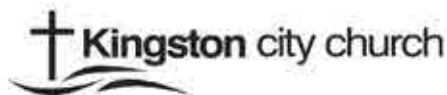
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Among those we help, are victims of domestic violence, single mums and dads, refugees, people who have gone bankrupt, pensioners and people who have suffered in car or work accidents and can no longer work. It is difficult for people who have had a good income, and suddenly lost it through no fault of their own, to have to ask for help. They feel embarrassed and humiliated to ask for assistance.

Many people we help eventually get back on their feet and into the workforce again. One client, who had come for help when her marriage broke down, now runs her own small business. However, there are some people who have been in accidents and can no longer work. We help them on an ongoing basis.

We are currently looking at purchasing a new van to collect the groceries and fresh food from our aid agencies and market gardens. We have received a grant of \$5,000 from Suncorp, and are now looking to raise another \$10,000, which will be matched by our Church Board.

All donations are tax deductible. If anyone would like to give a donation, however large or small, it would be greatly appreciated.

Pastor Joy Hansen



THE SALVATION ARMY

What is happening at your local Salvo's

Expression House

Fourth Saturday of the month to gather at 6pm for Dinner and support and opportunity to stay on and develop those skills at Expression House.

Expression House is open to anyone in the community! Open Mic Live Music & Bands, Art Journaling, Self-Expression, Personalized Jewellery creation.

Expression House is a family friendly, café-style creative arts space where there is opportunity to express ourselves, relax & reflect or chill with good music. Next one is on Saturday 24th March and Saturday 21st April 7pm - 9pm

Make a real difference to your local community!

There are so many great benefits to volunteering! The Salvation Army couldn't do what it does and assist the people in need it does, without Volunteers. Therefore, we look to the community of Dingley to provide opportunity for volunteering once again.

We require Volunteers for our beautiful sensory garden and veggie patch that needs some tender loving care. A cleaner is needed to help us keep the facilities clean. Art and Craft Assistants needed as part of a family program encouraging kids and their parents to spend creative time together. Bus Driver (12 seater van) needed for Tuesday and Sundays.

Messy Church – 1st Sunday of the month 4pm – 6pm

Is a fresh expression of 'church' maybe not church, as you know it? It is for all ages, giving people a chance to express their creativity, experience a Christ centred community as well as enjoying a meal together – it is messy and fun within a church context.

Come along and check it out... This month due to school holidays will run on Sunday 15th April 4pm – 6pm

For more information

Contact Major Narelle Jacobsen

corpsofficer.kingstongardens@aus.salvationarmy.org

Phone 03 9558 2045 or 0408 991 334

CHRIST CHURCH DINGLEY



387 Old Dandenong Road, Dingley (at the roundabout)

Contact: admin@ccd.org.au or ring on 9551 7871

Web: www.ccd.org.au

Our Vision: To be a Thriving, Need-Meeting and Life-Transforming Community with Jesus at the Centre.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:30am: Traditional Service in the Church.

10:30am: Contemporary Service in the Auditorium. 'Trans4m' and 'Xplore' (Children's Ministry during the 10.30 service)

COMING EVENTS at CCD

Easter Sunday - Service times as normal. 8.30 & 10.30am

10.30 is an intergenerational communion service with music led by the youth and the creative inclusion of children.

Our new Associate Minister - Rev Tanya Cummings – will bring the message of Jesus' resurrection.

Pleasant Tuesday Communion Service – 10 April, 2pm in the Church. Service includes Holy Communion and Favourite Hymns, followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. Transport available on request: 9551 7871.

CAP Money Course – Take control of your money rather than letting it control you. Learn how at CAP. Thursday nights, 19 & 26 April, 7.30pm. Book on

line at www.capaust.org.au or through the office.

CCD 'Braeside Park' Walking Group - Every Monday (from 5.45pm in the Autumn/Winter) enjoy exercise and friendship in an hour's walk in the beautiful restful scenery of Braeside Park. We meet at Car Park No 10 by the tree sculptures and leave on the dot of 5.45pm. All welcome.

REGULAR MINISTRIES

Healing Prayer Ministry (Inner Healing) Mondays & Thursdays 9:30am or 11:30am (during school term) by appointment: 9551 7871

Healing Rooms (Physical Healing) Wednesday Mornings: come between 10:30am and 11.30am

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Medical Mission Aid Stall First Sunday of every month, (8 April this month only) 8am until 1pm (before and after morning services). Beautiful homemade goods, new items, and yummy cakes, jams and relishes. Funding provides medical supplies to six hospitals in Tanzania, Kenya and Rwanda.

Conversational English Classes for Adult Students, Saturdays from 10am -12noon during School terms. Beginners to Advanced catered for.

For Youth and Young Adults:

Reverge (Youth) every Friday (in school term) from 7:00pm. All Years 7-12 welcome!

Dare: Tertiary students / Young Adults meet 7.30 pm Tuesday evenings.

Church Office:

For all enquiries, contact Kellie at the office: 9551 7871

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511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village 3172

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Phone / Fax: 9551 6930

Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict M. La Volpe OFM Conv.

Baptism: Bookings through the St. Joseph's Parish Office, Springvale (9547 4877).

Baptisms will be held at St Joseph's Springvale and St Mark's Dingley on alternate months- contact the church offices

Weddings: By appointment only

Confession: 5:30pm prior to Saturday Vigil Holy Mass, or by appointment

Holy Mass Times:

Monday to Friday: 7:00am in the Friary Chapel

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil in the Church

Sundays: 9:30 AM Sunday Mass (NB. only one Mass on Sunday)

Some important dates for the month of April

1st Easter Sunday

7th St John Baptiste De La Salle

9th Annunciation of Our Lord

16th St Bernadette Soubirous – Seer of Lourdes

21st St Anselm – Bishop & Doctor

23rd St George - Martyr

26th St Mark – Evangelist

28th St Peter Chanel – Martyr

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Sunday services at 10.00 a.m.

Sacrament of Holy Communion second Sunday of the month at 10.30 a.m.

All enquiries phone 9544 5324

www.heathertondingley.unitingchurch.org.au

Our Vision and our Mission: To seek to connect people to God and each other
Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church - Meeting U at the Crossroads of Life

What's On

Wednesdays – Prayer meeting at the church 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. If you have a concern that you would like prayed about ring Margaret on 9551 9494

Know Your Bible 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

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Clean up Australia Day

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Remember that Clean Up Australia Day doesn't have to just be one day a year. We have been impressed to see so many students excitedly picking up rubbish in our own school environment.

1pm. If you want to know more about our school, which offers Prep to Year 12, and would like to tour our wonderful facilities, you are very welcome to attend one of our open days. Dates for all our 2018 open days may be found on our website. However, if you cannot make it to an open day, please do not hesitate to contact the school for a personal tour. There is no need to book to join us for one of our open days, just turn up.


All students in Year 9 attended a Wilderness Adventure Survivor Program (WASP) camp during term 1. Students camped in tents for a week and participated in many adventure activities. Many of the students who attended WASP excitedly stated that it was "the best camp ever" upon return. The students travelled up to Northern New South Wales for the WASP camp. The WASP camp is just one of several special activities the Year 9 students participate in as part of their 'Year of Challenge'.

With the opening of the new Dingley by-pass access, which includes a new bike path, it is great to see many students now riding their bike to school. Please do not hesitate to drop in to the school at 316-322 Kingston Road, (cnr Old Boundary Road), Clarinda or contact the office on 8551 6650 to organise a tour of the school. There are still a few vacancies in some year levels for 2018 and limited places still available for 2019. We regularly update our web site, check it out at www.hcc.vic.edu.au

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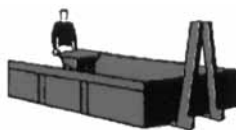
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