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JUNIOR VILLAGERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

GEORGIE O'BRIEN: MAROONS NETBALL CLUB

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Dingley Village Maroons Netball



Club and Springvale District Netball Association squad player - Georgie O'Brien for making it into the Under 12 Netball Victoria State team for 2018. Last year she made it through as an emergency player for the Victoria team, which as a bottom age player was an amazing achievement. This year she has gone one-step better making it as full member of the team! Awesome effort! She will compete at the School Sport Australia 12 Years and Under Netball Championship, which will be held in Darwin, NT from 15 to 21 September 2018. We wish her all the best over the coming months. Superstar in the making!

JOEL CROTHERS: Compost Captain And Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Ambassador, St Mark's Primary School

Joel Crothers, one of the compost captains from St Mark's Primary School, is an enthusiastic environmentalist. He is passionate about all areas of our environment and has been instrumental in helping St. Mark's become more aware of how we can help our Earth.

Earlier this year, Joel wrote to different companies trying to source biodegradable bags for our compost bins as we were using supermarket bags. He was able to find a company, which donated some rolls



of biodegradable bags for our compost bins. These have been fascinating for us to witness in the compost bays as we can actually see them 'breaking down'.

The compost captains have all been passionate about their jobs and how we can improve our compost collection. The compost bins we had were getting old and were not big enough to hold the scraps that we were putting into them.

Cathy McKenna brought in a paper from her area, which explained how the local council were donating 5 litre kitchen caddies to each household to use as compost bins. Joel was intrigued by this article and sent an email to this particular council asking if they would donate to our kitchen garden program so that each classroom could have new compost bins. Unfortunately, they were unable to help, as St. Mark's is not in their council area, however they did give Joel the contact details for where they sourced these bins.

Joel, again showing initiative, emailed Maze Products in Clayton South explaining our compost situation and if they could donate kitchen caddies to us.

Maze Products were so impressed with Joel's email that they indeed, donated 24 kitchen caddies for us to use in our classrooms. Joel and his mum, Bernadette, collected our new bins from Aaron Gionis who was super happy to meet Joel. Well Done Joel

AMELIA LEA FROM DINGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Amelia is the North Ward representative on the Inaugural City of Kingston Junior Council. The Junior Council is an extension of the highly successful Junior Mayor program, which gives local grade six students the opportunity to develop leadership skills and learn about local democracy. Instead of just one student participating, the Junior Council gives nine young people a great opportunity to learn and grow.

COOPER AND RAENA FROM KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to Kingswood Primary School, Division Cross Country runners, Cooper (Year 5) and Raena (Year 4). On Wednesday 6th June, they competed at Cornish College; Raena finished in 3rd and will now progress onto Regionals. Well done both of you!



COMMUNITY

FARMERS' MARKET: ALL WEATHER ALL YEAR

YES the Dingley Village Farmers' Market still runs over the winter months and all our regular stallholders are in attendance, so don't forget to pop in to Marcus Rd Reserve on **Saturday 21st July** to pick up your special goodies.

CAN YOU HELP

We have received the following call for help

Does anyone have a recipe for 'I don't know' or 'I don't care'? It's what my family wants for dinner and I can't seem to find any recipes.

JAZZ NIGHT

The Burden Park Bowls Club "Jazz night" is on Friday 13th July at 6.30pm at our clubrooms 880 Heatherton Road, Springvale. Featuring the New Melbourne Jazz Band. Cost for this night is \$35.00 /head including a two course meal. For bookings contact: Russell Lawton on 0433 158 421 or the Bowls Club on 9546 8851.

BOOMERANG BAGS FOR DINGLEY VILLAGE

As of 20th June, plastic single use supermarket bags have been banned by Government legislation.

We are small group of volunteers creating reusable shopping bags from recycled and donated materials. There are two Sewing groups one on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Dingley Neighbourhood Centre (9.30 -12.30) and the second held at the Dingley Scout Hall on the 4th Saturday of the month (1.30 -4.30). We screen print the pockets, iron the straps and cut out

the bags as well as sewing, so if you would like to be involved you don't need any special skills.

We would like thank everyone who has responded to our plea for sewing material donations including doona covers, sheets or tablecloths and we still need lots more to keep up the supplies to make new bags. The bags are distributed at the Dingley Village Farmers Market. Your support ensures the continual running of the group. As a community group, we are supported by our community and we also like to give back to our community. On Tuesday, we warmly welcomed Norma, Cecilia and Trill to our sewing group. We need more volunteers to assist in the creation of free reusable shopping bags. If you would like to join any of the groups please contact:

Saturday - Tiffany McDonald 0425 222 089

Tuesday - Debbie 9551 6521 or Helen 95511658.

THANK YOU

Dingley Village residents have been busy collecting complimentary hotel toiletries and dropping them off at the Neighbourhood Centre, who pass them on to Dandenong Neighbourhood House.



Why? Dandenong Neighbourhood House refugee groups are paying it forward and back.

They have been making toiletry bags for the homeless, women's shelters, asylum seekers, other refugees and those just doing it tough. The toiletries passed on from Dingley Village residents have been truly appreciated and put to good use.

How can you help? Collect all the unused toiletries every morning and throw them into your suitcase. You are not "stealing" because they are covered in your hotel rate. Then drop them off at the Neighbourhood Centre.

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor

Driving or walking around our suburb, you cannot help noticing quite a few very unkempt properties. They are a blight on our Village and it is disappointing for the rest of the property owners who do make the effort to maintain their gardens and homes.

I am guessing that most of these properties are rented out by landlords as the majority of owner occupiers would not let their investment fall into such a state of disrepair. If you are a landlord that falls into this category, please bear in mind that not only is the value of your property affected but all the surrounding properties are affected too. Nobody wants to purchase a house in close proximity to a rundown rental! It is also in the landlord's interest to maintain the property as run-

down properties attract the same calibre of tenant and receive the same treatment.

A rundown, unkempt property sends a negative message to tenants. By improving the appearance to your property, you are adding value to your property and not degrading the rest of the street affecting other owners in close proximity and the general area.

Real Estate Agents in the area with rent rolls can play an important role to keep an eye on these properties and remind landlords to undertake come basic landscaping and keep it neatly maintained.

It is in the whole community's interest!

Greg Lawes
Dingley Village

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THINK LOCAL FIRST

Locally owned businesses have more than an economic benefit for our community and as part of our Think Local First campaign we will be highlighting the community involvement of our local businesses. 'Support the local businesses that support you'

My name is Michael Benjamin of Michael Benjamin and Associates

I am privileged and honoured to be invited to provide the first article for the 'Think Local First' campaign.

I believe it should be more about our great community than so much about individuals, so my focus will be on Dingley Village's success rather than my own.

My wife Peta and I bought our first block in Dingley 38 years ago for \$13,000.00. Within a month of buying, it had increased to \$15,000.00 and we were ecstatic. Our 14 square home was later extended and after two children and 7 years, it was time to buy a second home in Dingley Village in McClure Road. We extended this home, had our third child and after 7 years, it was time to move again. The land purchased 20 years ago now, was just \$117,000.00 in the Fernhill Estate, where we remain until this date.

Around 25 years ago, I left the Police Force after 15 years (8 years as a Prosecutor) and decided to use my law degree by providing both conveyancing and legal services to the public. Dingley Conveyancing Services and Michael Benjamin & Associates purchased the site of the original General Store of Dingley Village and it became the Post Office and Milk Bar and later a Florist.

Some 10 years ago as the business grew, we extended and now house 10 staff, half of which are or were Dingley residents.



Our children were educated at St Marks Primary School, then Kilbreda and Mentone Grammar.

Dingley Village is a wonderful community to raise children and we enjoyed the Ballet club, junior football, karate club and all the social activities that the community groups offer.

Being a 'trader' myself, I was involved with other traders promoting 'shop locally it pays' SLIP programs and combining with other traders to provide Santa, prizes, and monthly shopper prizes etc. to promote our shopping centre. When the banks (Commonwealth and National) deserted us around 2000, the Chamber of Commerce formed a new group with other locals to buy a franchise right with Bendigo Bank to 'bring a Bank back to Dingley Village'.

I was fortunate to lead a group of volunteers as Chairman of the Bank to build one of the bank's top five Community Banks in Australia. It was this community's ability to engage (and through this Dossier) to harness the support of residents to make our community bank profitable and return over \$4 million dollars in grants to all the various groups in our community.

After 10 years as Chairman, I stepped down, but feel my time was most rewarding.

Over the 38 years I have lived here, I have seen the community rally on major issues including the Westall Road bypass, which resulted in access roads to those residents in South Springvale to get to Dingley, the Community Bank and bus lanes in Centre Dandenong Road, which was rejected.

The current threat to change Dingley Village is the rezoning proposal and proposed high density development at Kingswood, which will change forever the wonderful family environment, and community infrastructure we have. I fear, apart from not fitting in with our neighbourhood character, the development will strain all our services and change our "community character" that we have all enjoyed, as I have the last 38 years.

As a property lawyer, I have evidenced this, as I have been here long enough to see the 2nd generation of residents like my own children return to Dingley Village as they marry and begin their families and wish to reside in the best suburb of all.

Best wishes to all
Michael Benjamin



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DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

DVCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The DVCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st August 2018 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre, Marcus Road Dingley Village. All residents of Dingley Village are welcome to attend. Come along & see what we do.

Kingswood Golf Course -

DO NOT BE FOOLED BY THE DEVELOPER'S SPIN

A letter from ISPT, on behalf of the developer (ASRP1), was published in the June Dossier extolling the virtues of overdeveloping the Kingswood Golf Course site. The letter concluded by stating ... "This is the opportunity for the public to give Council their thoughts about the project" (when the plans go on Public Exhibition). DVCA heartily endorses this statement especially in view of the omissions and incomplete statements in this letter !! For example...

(a) "We are proposing a financial contribution to Council..."

They are not making a gift, the amount is legislated and is compulsory for all developers, as a contribution to Council costs. Besides, the upgrade of the Community Centre (Stage 1) is already funded, thanks to State Govt. and Council. Any money

they pay to Council is not guaranteed to be spent IN Dingley Village!

(b) the "flood retention works" would not be needed if there was no housing development!

(c) "housing capped at 3 storeys..."

There are currently NO 3 storey dwellings in Dingley Village. Three storey units are absolutely against our neighbourhood character. The proposal has NO single level dwellings. Promoting this, as housing for the elderly, is ridiculous. DVCA is not aware of any elderly people who would enjoy climbing flights of stairs!!

(d) "8 hectares devoted to public open space"...

80% of the total open space is in Stage 1 of the development (so it looks good) but the other stages have minimal areas. About 1/2 of the open space in Stage 1 is a designated flood basin and would have restricted public use. Usable public space is approximately 12% of the total land area, whereas other similar developments have allocated 20% (e.g. Mirvac at Tullamore). In reality, this project offers about the smallest amount of usable open space the developer can get away with.

(e) "retailers will get more business"....

Or will Dingley Village residents leave for more user-friendly shopping centres, due to parking chaos, traffic and waiting times?

(f) "There will be more employment"...

...what exactly does this mean for Dingley Village? Actually very little. Figures stated for "economic benefit" (\$1.2Billion) are dubious and mainly for State-wide and other areas of Kingston's benefit, NOT for Dingley Village. During any construction phase, the jobs created would equally apply to a similar project built anywhere. There is NO nett benefit for existing Dingley Village residents; indeed all our lives will be made more difficult.

SPRING ROAD RESERVE UPDATE

The implementation of park facilities at our Spring Rd Reserve continues:

- The pathway for the fenced off leash area is all done.
- Fencing has commenced and signage will be erected soon for both off leash areas (fenced and unfenced).
- Spring Road Reserve will have the KCC's largest off leash area - situated at the northern end of the park covering an area of approximately 7 hectares/15 acres which is over 3 times the area of the MCG playing surface. Please remember to keep your dog on leash in all other areas once the off leash areas are in place for the safety and enjoyment of other park users, as well as for the protection of wildlife in the wetlands area.
- Additional pathways, seating and drinking fountains to be installed in the future.

Facebook

The DVCA is now on Facebook and you can find us at;

<https://www.facebook.com/Dingley-Village-Community-Association-183239365820388/>

DVCA Membership

Open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village. Meetings are held in the Community Centre, Marcus Rd Dingley Village 2nd Tuesday each month (except Dec. & Jan.) at 7.30pm. and new members are most welcome to attend . PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING the DVCA and make a constructive difference in our community.

DVCA Contact Details

Please contact the Chairman on 9551 5442, 2 Mungari St Dingley Village, or email. david@lildam.net

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DINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

It may be the off-season, but the Dingley Cricket Club has undergone major changes behind the scenes.

At the club's Annual General Meeting at the end of May, the committee experienced its biggest shake up in recent memory, with all but one position in the committee filled by new members.

Andrew Calder was elected the club's new President, taking over from Kent Waring, who held the role for three seasons.

2017/18 Second XI captain Casey Caldera will be one of the club's new vice-presidents, sharing the role with popular clubman Scott 'Milney' Morris.

Club stalwart Andrew Craig was elected as the club's new secretary, while Grant 'Rattles' Bruce was returned as the club's treasurer.

Josh Hibberd has also been named the club's new junior coordinator.

There were also three general committee members elected; 1st XI wicket-keeper Marc King, long-serving Dingo Marko Otto and the 'fairy godmother' of the cricket club, Jenny Sterling.



MAROONS NETBALL CLUB

Season one 2018 finals are all done and dusted. I would like to congratulate the teams who made it through into the finals round. Congratulations to all. Season 2 will be starting in mid July, and with that comes another new Net Set Go team to join the SDNA competition on Saturday mornings. Welcome to the Maroons Jaguars. They have been through our Net-Skills program and are very eager to join all the other teams on Saturday mornings.

Good luck girls. Maroons Netball club is currently looking for a coach for our under 13's team, if you have ever thought about becoming a coach, now is the time. Please

do not hesitate to contact Trudy Pritchard via maroonsnetballclub.net.au or on hay-tru@bigpond.net.au, or 0407 334 057. We have also recently introduced new netball dresses for our players, which means we have many second hand dresses available for donation to an organisation or school who may need them. If you know of any group who could use them, please let me know. Go Maroons.



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ITS CRUNCH TIME FOLKS

Take Action NOW to Save Kingswood Golf Course From Destruction

You Must Act NOW. You must voice your opinion NOW. You cannot wait until the bulldozers move in.

We are advised that the State Planning Minister Richard Wynne will shortly authorise the exhibition of the developer's plans for the Kingswood golf course site. Once exhibition is authorised you will have a short window to lodge your objection submissions against the proposal. The Save Kingswood Group have collected many objections from Dingley Village residents and the public generally already. Together we must send a message to Kingston Council that we disagree with any proposed rezoning of the land from its current zone of "Special Use" to "Residential Zone 2"

We Say the Site Should Remain as Public or Private Open Space for Public Recreational Use

"Exhibition" means that negotiations between Council and the developer have concluded and both parties have agreed on the parameters of the development. Next Kingston Council will ask all residents their opinion and the Minister (or an independent panel) will weigh up the level of objection or support. Exhibition is not the start of the process, it's the end. Council will not call a public meeting they will just display the plans at certain locations for inspection. We are advised that there are no material changes to the plans as previously displayed.

Reject this Ecological and Environmental Disaster in Our Midst

Dingley Village did not ask for this massive over-development and loss of open space. It's being forced on us because of failed business decisions by the then golf club board and the purchaser paying twice the valuation price of the land, meaning they have to cram as many units as possible onto the site to recoup their money. Why would Dingley Village vote for at least 760 lots down to 200 sqm, 2000+Population increase, 2000+more Motor Vehicles, 3 Storey Flats in stage 1 and who knows what in stage 2.

Near total destruction of green open space, trees and vegetation, bird and animal habitat?

Reject Developer Spin

The developers in their Dossier article last month told us of their altruism, "open space, flood retention works, financial contributions to Council, affordable housing for the young, elderly and essential service workers, housing 'only' three storeys high, 'possibility' of child care or aged care". Does anyone believe any of this SPIN? Any developer anywhere is forced to make such concessions and/or make such payments to meet statutory requirements. There is no gift giving to be seen here, just scrambling to avoid financial loss.

Based on 2016 Census comparisons we calculate that household and population density on the proposed site will be more than double that of Dingley Village today, massively changing the character of our Village. Council tell us that the site will generate another 6,800 vehicle movements a day with 680 per peak hour. How could that possibly work? Centre Dandenong Rd. Howard Rd. and Tootal Rd. are already choked over both extended peak times.

Dingley Village Did Not Vote for this Proposal

Why would Dingley Village vote to allow this massive over-development just to save the golf club and the purchaser from a financial loss?

There is ZERO Net Community Benefit for Dingley Village in this Proposal.

Dingley Village residents played no part in and have no responsibility for the financial decisions that have brought this matter to our door step. We should not be asked to give up the reason why many of us live here, the green open space in the centre of our village just to advantage others financially. Especially when those financially advantaged are in Frankston not Dingley Village. As you know proceeds of the sale of Kingswood Golf Club will go to the Peninsula Golf Club in Frankston to massively upgrade their facilities.

Kingston Council Already has a Golf Course Policy

You must tell Kingston Council that you support all of their public statements on the future of Golf Course Zoned land and that these principles should be applied when considering any application in respect of the Kingswood Golf Course in Dingley Village.

Tell Kingston Council to reject current Amendment Proposal C151 accordingly.

Its worth reading a few of Council's statements, here are a few quotes from their submission to the Victorian Government "Planning for Golf in Victoria discussion paper" taken from the City of Kingston Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes 28 August 2017 :-

“Council does not support any proposal, for redevelopment of golf courses that is not for public / private open space”

“Council supports the use of ‘net community benefit’ as the primary objective underpinning the consideration of any golf course redevelopment proposal.”

“The open space, amenity and landscape value provided by existing golf courses is significant, irreplaceable and should be pre-eminent in considering any proposals for golf course redevelopment.”

“In our view, golf courses are in themselves valuable community benefits and any loss of golf course land involves a loss of net community benefit.”

“It is also suggested that further consideration not be given to the extent to which other public policy objectives (social housing, education precincts etc.) can be appropriately accommodated and/or integrated as these should be provided by means other than by depriving communities of the community benefit of golf courses and of public and private open space.”

“Unprecedented population growth is occurring in the inner and middle suburbs of Melbourne and is placing increasing pressure on community infrastructure, active and passive open space, affordable housing and the environment. Council considers that this does not constitute a net community benefit nor should it ever be considered sufficient reason or justification for allowing golf courses to be closed, particularly if they are then—even in part—sold off or rezoned for residential or other urban development .”

You Must NOW tell Kingston Council that you agree with all of these principles and that you will not accept the current proposal under any circumstances

Your Task NOW

Your response has been fantastic to date. Now we want to recruit your help in achieving an exponential increase in the number of signed objection submissions we hold. If you have already signed an objection and lodged it with us, you must understand the disaster this project will mean for Dingley Village.

So we now ask you to explain the matter to firstly your extended family, then your neighbours, then your work colleagues and friends and to get their signature on as many objection submissions that you can. Please aim for a target of at least 10 new objection submissions each, but don't stop there if you can get more. Each member of a family can sign their own form. Its numbers that count.

Tell people they can hand write their own personal comment at the bottom of the form if they wish. Remember there is no age restriction and you don't have to be a Dingley Village resident or land owner to sign an objection.

Where Do You Get Blank Objection Forms?

You can access the form and print it at www.aaa1.biz/save.html using the “CLICK HERE” button on that page. Print as many as you like, or you could collect blank forms from either of the delivery addresses in point 1) below.

Where To Send Your Signed Objection Forms?

1) *Post or Hand Deliver the signed objection submission forms to:-*

*(a) Michael Benjamin and Associates at 117 Centre Dandenong Road (next to the Dingley Primary)
or (b) The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre (DVNC) 31B Marcus Rd, Dingley Village.*

2) *Scan your signed form(s) then email to the Save Kingswood Group at savedingley@gmail.com*

3) *See us at the Dingley Village Farmers Market and sign up on the spot.*

Remember NOT to post your objection form directly to Kingston Council, they cannot accept them until the exhibition period formally opens, so send them to us to hold on your behalf.

When to Act?

Please concentrate your efforts from today, start gathering more objection submissions now and deliver them as described above. Please make it an ongoing process until the exhibition period expires.

What's Our Aim?

Our aim is to put a stop to this disastrous proposal and, in agreement with Kingston Council's Golf Course policy, request the site remains as public or private open space for recreational use.

Thank you again for your support to date. Let's make this an all out effort NOW so that when the exhibition period expires your voices will evidence a massive NO vote from Dingley Village.

**Facebook - Save Kingswood Golf Course (Dingley) Web Site - www.savedingley.com
Save Kingswood Group Inc.**



OUR COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAKES POSITIVE ACTION TO PROTECT THE GREEN WEDGE

Kingston Council is cracking down on unauthorised activities in the Green Wedge including waste transfer stations, truck storage businesses and non-approved signage.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said Council was committed to stamping out illegal practices in the Green Wedge and protecting the area for vital open space and agriculture.

“Council is committed to seeing the end of the waste industry in our Green Wedge, enhancing the area with new parklands and encouraging legal activities including market gardens,” Cr Staikos said.

“We’re taking a tough approach to ensure that any unauthorised activities are quickly identified and ceased.”

Council has recently identified a range of unauthorised activities in Kingston’s Green Wedge including:

- an unauthorised truck/bin storage business in Dingley Village. Council has been working with the owners, which has resulted in the trucks and most of the bins now removed.
- an unauthorised transfer station was identified in Clayton South. The owners will now seek to obtain permission to continue the business legally

- unauthorised signage in Aspendale Gardens has been removed following Council action
- an unauthorised materials recycling / transfer station business was identified in Clayton South. The owners will now seek to obtain permission to continue the business legally.
- an unauthorised transfer station in Dingley Village that had on-going compliance issues, including proceedings at VCAT, is due to be successfully resolved with the land returned to its prior state in coming months.
- Following lengthy action, trucks being stored on a Dingley Village site without a permit have now been removed.

“Council is taking positive action to protect our Green Wedge and stamp out unauthorised activities,” Cr Staikos said. “Anyone who suspects unauthorised activities are taking place can contact Council for our compliance officers to investigate.”

NEW KINGSTON JUNIOR MAYOR AND JUNIOR COUNCIL ELECTED

Parktone Primary School student Alice Roberts has been elected as Kingston’s new Junior Mayor and nine impressive

young people elected as a new Junior Council. Mayor Steve Staikos said the Junior Mayor program has been running for over 50 years and is sponsored by the Chelsea Rotary Club.

“Council is very proud to continue its long and unique tradition of electing a Junior Mayor and the introduction of the Junior Council. The program aims to educate and engage young people about how local government works and how they can get involved and make a difference in our community. It also provides support and experience to our next generation of leaders.”

Each year a grade six student is elected Junior Mayor of the City of Kingston. The election process involves local primary schools each nominating one pupil who makes a two minute speech in front of an audience of around 300 people. Each of the nominated students then votes for their favourite presentation. This year Council also introduced a Junior Council, to allow more young people to take part.

Parktone student Alice Roberts won over the crowd with her speech, which addressed this year’s topic: What does hope mean for our community?

Alice will be joined on the Rotary Junior Council by:

- Keira Wilson from Cheltenham East Primary School (Central Ward)
- Tori Edmunds from Kingston Heath Primary School (Central Ward)
- Ella MacDonald from Aspendale Primary School (South Ward)
- Mia Espinoza from St Joseph’s Primary School (South Ward)
- Tom Curtin-Daffy from Aspendale Gardens Primary School (South Ward)
- Amelia Lea from Dingley Primary School (North Ward)
- Jesse Thomas from Southmoor Primary School (North Ward)
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“Congratulations to this very impressive group of young people, we look forward to having them involved in a range of community events throughout the year,” Cr Staikos said.

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Pre-approval (also known as conditional approval or approval in principle) is an indication from a lender as to how much you can borrow, which will correlate to a maximum purchase price you can offer. With a pre-approval, vendors and agents know you are a serious potential buyer and not wasting their time. So what are the steps to pre-approval?

For most Australians the first step is to see a mortgage broker (the majority of residential loans in Australia are submitted via brokers, not direct to lender, which has been the case for a number of years now).

You will need to provide to your broker comprehensive detail of your financial position, including assets and liabilities, income and expenses, (which includes a break up of living expenses). You should be prepared to provide proof of everything including pay slips, tax returns, and bank statements for loans and savings accounts.

Your broker will then be able to provide you with a detailed analysis of your position including borrowing capacity, which can vary dramatically across different lenders. It is only then that you will know if you are truly ready to buy!

If it is appropriate to do so, now is the time to apply for a pre-approval to a specific bank suitable to you. Note this pre-approval is only valid for 90 days, and is not a guarantee of a loan, it is indicative only, you need to be aware of what that entails. Ongoing communication with your broker as to the property you wish to purchase and as to any changes in circumstances is most important.

Then you can house hunt with confidence, at auction or private sale. Remember if you purchase at auction the contract is unconditional, whereas at private sale you may offer subject to finance (generally 14 days). Many buyers prefer to buy private sale and subject to finance even if they have pre-approval, that decreases risk in the process.

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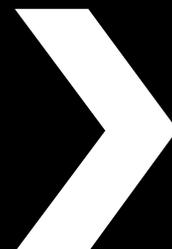
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This incentive, known as the 'downsizer contribution', is part of a federal government program to improve housing affordability. It offers a further opportunity for some home sellers to benefit from the tax advantages associated with superannuation.

On the downside it may adversely affect eligibility for age pension.

Rules apply

Of course, it wouldn't be a super contribution without lots of rules, and the main ones are:

- You must be 65 or older when you make the contribution. This could affect decisions on the timing of a sale. For example, Anne (67) and Rod (63) are thinking of downsizing. As only Anne can make a downsizer contribution they may want to delay selling their home until Rod turns 65 so he can also make one.
- You or your spouse must have owned the home for at least 10 years prior to sale; it must be your main residence; and cannot be a caravan, houseboat or mobile home.
- You can only use this concession once. You can't use it with subsequent home sales.
- The contribution is limited to the lesser of \$300,000 each or the total proceeds from the sale of the home. In the case of couples, contributions don't need to be evenly split. Take Tom and Stephanie. They sold their house for \$500,000. Rather than contribute \$250,000 each, Stephanie contributes her \$300,000 maximum. Tom's downsizer contribution must then be no more than \$200,000.
- The contribution must be made within 90 days of receiving the proceeds, though an extension may be granted in limited cases.

Curiously, given the name of this initiative, you don't need to physically downsize your home. If you have the funds available you could buy a bigger or more expensive abode. In fact, you don't even need to buy a new home at all.

The effect on super

On the superannuation side, you can make a downsizer contribution if your total super balance exceeds \$1.6 million. However, the contribution will count towards your transfer balance cap (i.e. the cap on the amount you can use to establish a tax-free superannuation pension). Even so, it may still be advantageous to hold these funds in the concessional (15%) tax environment applicable to the super accumulation phase.

And what about the age pension?

Anyone thinking of downsizing needs to consider the impact on eligibility for age pension. A main residence is exempt from the assets test, but if its sale frees up money – for example through buying a cheaper home or renting – those funds will be assessed under both the income and assets test even if they are used to make a downsizer contribution. This may result in a reduction or loss of age pension.

The extent to which you can benefit from making a downsizer contribution depends very much on your individual situation. And it isn't just a financial issue; lifestyle considerations are also important. Before making a decision it is important to consider all the angles, so talk to your financial adviser about whether a downsizer contribution is right for you.

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Elder abuse occurs in approximately 5% of people aged 65 years or older in Australia. Although, it is difficult to estimate the number of cases, as abuse is often concealed by the abuser and the victim cannot inform authorities due to potential repercussions. At Home Care Assistance we train all our caregiving staff to look out for signs and initiate assistance as required for the seniors.

Abuse can be intentional or unintentional and it is often carried out by a trusted person, such as a friend, son, daughter, grandchild or neighbour. Elder abuse can take on many forms such as psychological abuse, financial abuse, social isolation or sexual abuse. Social attitudes such as negative views on ageing and devaluing of elderly people as well as a general inability to cope with the

person's care needs are often incentives for people who carry out elder abuse.

Physical and psychological symptoms of elder abuse include nutrition and hydration issues, sleep disturbance, learned helplessness and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Fortunately, there is help available for people suffering from elder abuse or those who know of individuals suffering from elder abuse. Home Care Assistance staff members can help seniors to seek help if required.

If you would like more information, a resource kit can be downloaded from <https://toolkit.seniorsrights.org.au/toolkit/what-is-elder-abuse/>

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Where the parties have children under 18, there should be agreement in relation to their care and maintenance. This article will not consider parenting related issues.

Where you and your partner cannot reach an agreement, we strongly advise that you seek guidance from a competent family lawyer. In this regard, although you may be getting a lot of 'advice' from family and friends, often, well-meaning as they are, such advice is not necessarily correct or appropriate.

The Asset Pool

An initial consideration by your family lawyer should be to ascertain a complete picture of the property pool. The Family Law Act 1975 ("the Act") defines property widely to include real estate, furniture, cars, boats, money, shares, superannuation, assets in partnership, in trust or held in companies.

There may be disagreement regarding what should be included within the property pool and the values of these assets and liabilities as at the current

date. One should approach this aspect of discussions as a commercial negotiation and try and restrict attaching emotions to it as this usually hinders discussions.

Full and Frank Disclosure

To ensure the property pool is determined factually, there is usually an obligation of full and frank disclosure of all financial information. For matters that are in court, this obligation is a legal requirement. However, it is also a matter of practice prior to a dispute reaching the courts as this assists the negotiation process.

It is pursuant to this obligation, family lawyers usually request parties provide them with bank statements, valuations, pay slips, superannuation statements etc.

Contributions

Once the property pool is agreed upon, your entitlement should be calculated by way of the contributions you and your partner made prior to and throughout your relationship.

For family law purposes, there are multiple types of contributions:

1. Direct financial contributions- These are financial contributions made by you or your partner to the acquisition of assets, their preservation, maintenance or improvement.
2. Indirect financial contributions- These are contributions such as gifts and

inheritance that indirectly assists with you and your partner's financial position.

3. Direct and indirect non-financial contributions – These are contributions that increase the size of the net asset pool. Such contributions can be for using ones labour to maintain or improve relationship property.
4. Contributions to the welfare of the family- These are contributions including as a parent raising the children or home-duties etc.

Future Needs

The future financial needs of you and your former partner should then be assessed with consideration being made to your age, health, financial resources, earning capacity and, where applicable, who has primary care of the children.

For example, if you have a disability and cannot work you have greater long term needs and may require support in the form of an increased share of the property pool.

When taking into account the matters set out above the law requires the overarching consideration to be what is 'just and equitable'. This requires the issues listed above be considered equally and no factor is automatically awarded priority over another. Every case is determined on its own particular circumstances.

If you are considering a separation or have recently separated from your partner and have questions regarding your entitlement or any other family law related matter, please feel free to telephone our office for a confidential discussion on (03) 8555 3895.

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REFERRED PAIN

One of the most puzzling symptoms that the human body can experience is the phenomenon of “referred pain”. What makes it so puzzling, you ask? “Referred pain” is what occurs when the pain that we feel is in a place which is different from the site of the injury. Did you know that people can go for years of their lives believing that they have a chronic shoulder or knee problem; only to eventually discover that the problem that they have is actually in a completely different part of their body?!

How is this even possible? There are in fact, a number of very common situations in which people will experience this misleading symptom.

One of the most common examples of referred pain is spinal strains. When we injure our lower backs, for example, we endanger the nerves which branch off the spinal cord and which spread out to give sensation and power to the legs. When the site of injury becomes swollen and tender, any of these numerous nerves can become compressed or irritated; and their function can be compromised. As a result of this, the irritated nerves can begin to “shoot” symptoms along their lengths; and throughout the parts of the body that they supply. We can therefore

start to experience pain, tingling, pins and needles, numbness, weakness or even “giving way” throughout any of the muscles in our legs – even when the legs themselves have nothing wrong with them! This is where the phenomenon of “sciatica” comes from.

A similar problem can take place in the neck, where the nerves spread out to supply the skin and muscles of the arms and shoulders. This means that common symptoms such as tingling in the hands, shoulder muscle tightness/pain, or aching in between the shoulder blades may in fact be the result of an underlying injury at the neck.

Another familiar cause of referred pain is, quite simply, muscle tightness. How does this happen? Let’s consider the structure of a muscle belly: Not only does it contain muscle tissue itself, but woven throughout all of the muscle fibres are blood vessels and nerves which give the muscle its required supply. This means that when the muscle gets tight, some of these nerves and blood vessels can get compressed and irritated. And what happens when nerves become irritated? You guessed it – referred pain.

Furthermore, some of the most basic traumatic injuries (e.g. a swollen joint

or muscle) can refer pain in the early stages while the nearby nerves are being irritated by swelling in the area.

Some other common situations in which pain can actually be referred from another part of the body include:

- Tightness of the shoulder blade muscles shooting pain into the shoulder or arms;
- Tightness in the outer hip muscles referring pain into the knee; and
- Some headaches, which can actually be caused by neck muscle tension or an underlying injury in the neck.

If you’re experiencing pain which is dull and hard to localize; and aren’t experiencing any real loss of function in the painful joint/muscle, then referred pain may be the underlying problem! A full assessment from a physiotherapist can help to identify the exact causes of your pain and help to get to the bottom of what needs to be done to keep you fit and healthy.

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We couldn't have been more impressed with these children's performances on the day! Most importantly though was their dedication to improving themselves at training sessions over the month and never failing to inspire Mr Snell to give them enough challenges at these sessions.

St Mark's 80's Bingo Extravaganza

Thanks to all those that came to our 80's Bingo Night on Saturday 2nd June, a great night was had by all. Over \$3,000 was collected on the night and will go to some much needed projects around the school.

A big thank you to those companies that donated products including Bunnings Keysborough, Myer Cookware, De Bortoli Wines, Dingley Cellars, Dan Murphy's South Melbourne, Beauty on the Park, Colorific, Pilates Bayside, Kid Factory, Best Friends Pet Shop, ALDI, Meat Flour Wine, Super Zu amongst others.

Also a big thank you to my fellow PA Committee Members on the night who helped before and on the night and in particular big thanks to Eva who came up with the concept.

Beanie for Brain Cancer Fundraiser

On Friday 8th June, the SRC held a fundraiser for the Beanie for Brain Cancer

Foundation. The children had to wear either a beanie or a cap and bring along a gold coin donation. Also on the day the SRC run a variety of activities: balloon burst, selling super doopers and donuts, guess the lollies in the jar and a disco at lunchtime. We managed to raise just under \$1000. A big thank to Mr Donut for donating over 100 donuts and to the SRC group for organising the whole day.

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday 8th June, Kingswood Primary School hosted its 'Learners as Thinkers Conference'. The conference captures 'Pictures of Practice' across a broad range of educational settings and school contexts. We drew on international expertise and hosted acclaimed speakers and educational consultants and drew on the experience of practicing teachers that 'bring to life' the cultural forces that are visible and valued in classrooms. This year, we were proud to welcome back Karen Boyes as our keynote speaker.



Many of the delegates that attended the conference couldn't compliment the school highly enough and were impressed by how our whole school team managed to run such a great event. Not many schools have the culture and dedication that we experience everyday at Kingswood.

We would like to thank those who presented workshops on the day. The delegates were engaged and inspired by these presenters and their passion for the importance in developing thinking skills in their students was evident. We had five of Kingswood's very own teachers' present workshops on the day. One of the external presenters commented that you can really feel how alive the thinking culture is at Kingswood. Thank you to those who attended, it was a valuable professional learning day for all teachers who participated and we know everyone has some inspired ideas to take back to their own schools to implement with their students.



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DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED



The Dingley Village Men's Shed committee has been busy over the past few months preparing to move from a program of the Neighbourhood Centre to independence. The Shed has become an Incorporated Association, which required a constitution, the shed also had to register for an ABN, register with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, negotiate transfer of our lease with Parks Victoria, set up a bank account, organise insurance and arrange transfer of accounts details. All the while keeping the shed running along smoothly, well-done committee. Whilst this will see minimal change for members, we have a brand new mailing address PO Box 32 Dingley Village, 3172; our phone number remains the same 9551-5892

Several members have dropped in to visit other sheds whilst on holidays and often bring back wonderful stories about what other sheds are doing and good ideas for our shed. There has been much interest in our new 3D printer and the photography group undertook a project for the Neighbourhood Centre photographing art activities. A group of shedders have been busy repairing Marjorie's garden seat and table.



ROTARY CLUB DINGLEY VILLAGE



Good morning fellow Dingleyites.

Another month gone by, another month closer to the grave. What a happy thought on a beautiful and bright sunny day, still, we all must make the best of our time. (I didn't have a good night's sleep) The last month saw your Rotary Club bubble along attending to its usual chores and functions; not too much social activity to report on, more just watching the shop. None the less, I must make comment on a play we attended at the Brighton Theatre. Rotarian William Belt has arranged our attendance at several plays each year at the above theatre for many years, and we are all in his debt for his attention and care

in this project. This night is always a win win situation for the club. An enjoyable, cheap night's entertainment and a continuing fund raiser for the club. The plays are invariably of high quality, written by major playwrights and acted by very competent amateur actors. Last week's offering was titled "Forget me knot, (no, I have not misspelt the last word), a challenging play that left one returning home with challenging, serious thoughts, or else preparing for suicide, depending on one's want. No, I exaggerate, as I replace the gun back in the drawer.

Apart from attending to our ongoing commitments, I must give our women's jewellery group a well deserved plug for the ongoing great work they do in raising funds for the very deserving causes they support. My wife is heavily involved in this group so I am usually well informed in their activities. Having been very successful in their money raising phase over the early part of this year, they are now in the distribution of funds phase, as this of course is the main function of their activities, to support organisations which are well worthy of their aid. I will now give you all a brief rundown of the variety of their causes, as I am sure most will find their work fascinating.

"Days for girls" is an organisation that supplies sanitary supplies to girls in the third world who have no access to such things. Consequently, these girls lose a lot of schooling time every month, as well as suffering the acute embarrassment that girls in our society avoid.

"Destiny Rescue" sends dedicated people into the brothels of Asian countries to rescue girls who are sold into moral slavery. They do this at great personal risk; the rescued girls are given an education and a path out from where they came.

"School of St. Jude" is a very large school in Tanzania, founded by an Australian girl who decided that the way out of poverty was through education.

"Wheelchairs for kids" an organisation founded by another Australian who was moved by the many poor crippled children he saw in his overseas travels who could only drag themselves around the dirt.

The Hamlin Fistula aid fund was set up by Dr. Catherine Hamelin, an Australian obstetrician and gynaecologist who was appalled by the dire strait of young girls in Ethiopia who were forced into marriage and child bearing whilst still children themselves.

This list just skims the surface of the great and many organisations our women'

jewellery group assist. The world would be a poorer place without them. They of course are only one facet of the larger Rotary diamond that we are proudly a part of. Please consider joining us and realising your own full potential. As always, you will be greatly welcomed and valued, for you too can be a force to move the world we live in.

PROBUS CLUB DINGLEY CENTRAL



Our speaker for the June meeting was Jim Moore from Beyond Blue, where we learned some very good suggestions on how we could help others or ourselves with this very serious illness of depression or anxiety, by looking for signs and then seeking medical help early.

We commence our July activities with the General Meeting on July 2nd, 10am. Morning Coffee on July 9th at 10.30am "The Nest" Waterways. The Camera Club meet on July 12th at 1.30pm, our Dine-out-lunch 12.30pm on 18th at The Highways, Springvale. The Craft Group meet at DVNC on 23rd at 10am, Games Day on 26th at 10.30am and lastly, two events on 27th where the Walking group meet at DVNC at 9.30am and Morning Melodies at Waltzing Matilda Hotel, featuring Rockin Rick Charles in a Christmas in July show 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.

For further information, please contact Graham on 9551 9582

DINGLEY 60 PLUS SOCIAL GROUP

June has seen our members enjoying dinner, live music and dancing at our local Night Clubs. Our Saturday night dinner dates have been at Aspendale – French/Vietnamese, Braeside – International and Brighton a Thai menu. Our Christmas in July was celebrated at Brighton. As usual

our live theatre night, this time at Clayton, was well supported by members.

The wandering gypsies of the group are still either coming or going and returning with their stories and photos making the stay at homes just a little bit envious.

To our members who are currently not enjoying the best of health we wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

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 from 7.30 PM at the Dingley International Hotel (DIH) in the newly renovated Bistro, or sometimes just inside the Gaming Room door. Seek and you shall find. It is pleasing to note that despite the cooler evenings Thursday attendances has continued to grow. 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 enquiries about the group may be directed to Graeme on 9551 3462 or Shirley on 9551 1398.

Come join our scene in 2018.

DINGLEY CHELTENHAM VIEW CLUB



Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club celebrated their First anniversary, with over 30 members enjoying a warming winter lunch and sharing some fun.

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COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DINGLEY VILLAGE



Members were not deterred by the cooler weather when the first Dingley CWA evening meeting was held on Wednesday 27th of June at the Dingley village Neighbourhood Centre in Marcus Rd. It was interesting in that it was the first evening meeting to be held since CWA Dingley Branch was formed in May 1980.

The idea of holding some meetings in the evening is to invite ladies who are busy during the day to come along and enjoy the friendship, and to share new ideas to help our community.

The time frame for our Wednesday meetings in the coming months is 25th July 10am, 22nd August 7.30pm, 26th September 10am, and 24th October 7.30pm, at the DVNC in Marcus Rd. At our daytime meeting, members bring

along a plate of goodies to share over lunch.

This year CWA celebrates its 90th birthday, and on the long weekend in June Bayside CWA Branch held a High Tea at Hampton Senior Citizen's Centre, using their Branch's finest china. Members and friend attended from surrounding branches, including our own Dingley Branch and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of food and friendship.

Dingley member Sandra has put together eight knitted woollen blankets to be sent on to Berry Street for them to pass on to families in need to keep them warm during the winter months, and five knitted knee rugs to be passed onto local nursing homes. Members and friends of our branch have continued to knit squares (patterns provided) over many years as an ongoing project.

CWA Dingley "Association Day" will be celebrated with an afternoon tea and guest speaker on Wednesday 8th August at DVNC - and another date to mark on the calendar is Saturday 1st of September when we will have a table with items for sale at Bunnings store in Keysborough.

For any other enquiries regarding CWA Dingley, please phone President Lindy on 9579 2574 or Secretary Diana on 9580 6150.

DINGLEY VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INCORPORATED

Well, it is indeed time to crack out the Winter woollies! As noted earlier, we have had our double-prize Bingo afternoons, as well as our Trade Tables and these are well supported. Thanks to all those who contribute to these events. Our members who went to The Nest at Waterways enjoyed their brunch and had a good time chatting. We were lucky with the weather it being a nice day. Again, we would especially like to welcome our new member and hope that she enjoys her time with us.

Arranged activities for the month of July are as follows:

- 2nd Committee Meeting followed by games and afternoon tea;
- 9th Bingo (eyes down at 1:00 p.m.) followed by afternoon tea;
- 16th No activities at the Harold Box Hall but bus trip to the Lynbrook Hotel for lunch. Bookings are essential for this.
- 23rd Games followed by afternoon tea;
- 30th Bingo (eyes down at 1:00 p.m.) followed by afternoon tea;
- August 6th - Committee Meeting followed by games and afternoon tea.

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.

PROBUS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE INC.



The guest speaker at our June meeting was Carolyn Pethick, recently retired from the Victoria Police Force after thirty years' service. Carolyn has now written a memoir about her experiences within Victoria Police and what she had to endure as a female in a man's world. She now speaks to groups on a full time basis. Members were given a frank and confronting account of the sexual discrimination, harassment, false accusations and character assassinations she endured just in an effort to do her job.

Our July guest speakers will be Bill and Wyn Roper from Quilts of Valour Australia, an organisation that has awarded quilts to Defence personnel touched by war, and the immediate families of fallen soldiers, since the beginning of 2012.

Other July activities will include coffee morning on the 10th at The Nest, a movie lunch at the Waverley Cinema on the 12th, Christmas in July on the 26th at the Sky High restaurant and Morning Melodies at the Waltzing Matilda Hotel, on the 27th (Rockin Rick Charles Christmas in July show).

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

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Some important dates for the month of July

- 3rd Saint Thomas - Apostle
- 9th Mary, Queen of Peace
- 11th Saint Benedict
- 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 21st Saint Lawrence of Brindisi - Doctor
- 23rd Saint Bridget of Sweden
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***Youth** - Fortnightly Tuesdays 24th July. 6.30pm. Springvale South.

***Wednesday nights** - Fortnightly 7-8.30pm. 18th July. Dingley.

Sunday nights - 1st and 3rd Sundays, 7-8.30pm. 1st and 15th July. Keysborough.

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

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

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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

Alpha Course – Commencing Tuesday 7 August 6.45-9.30pm (Meal Included) Video and discussion on seven weekly topics to give basic understanding of Christian Faith. All welcome. (No course cost -gold coin donation for meal). See www.alpha.org.au

Pleasant Tuesday Communion Service – 10 July, 2pm in the Church. Service includes Holy Communion and Favourite Hymns, followed by a sumptuous after-

noon tea. Transport available on request: 9551 7871.

'God's Dreaming' – Aboriginal art carries the gospel around the nation. Sunday 29 July at 8.30 & 10.30am

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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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 the office: 9551 7871

Ministers: Vicar: Rev. Wayne Walters: 0425 163 730. Associate Minister: Tanya Cummings 0408 912 412.

Children, Youth & Young Adults' Minister: Andrew Capon

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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.

An interdenominational study for women of the Bible

For further information contact Jennifer on 0419 115 811

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH **Indoor Carpet Bowls** – 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall followed by supper



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Sunday Services: 10am Service has Children's Ministry.

KINGDOM KIDS – KINGSTON CITY CHURCH

Our Children's Ministry program at Kingston City Church runs from 10am every Sunday. A nanny looks after all our babies in the creche with the assistance of the youth helpers. The toddlers begin at 10am and we have a dedicated team of teachers who nurture our young ones; while kinder to grade 6 join the kid's ministry after the communion. Our children take part in serving communion and the collection of the offering. We encourage our children to draw from the wealth of our seniors in our congregation. The more faith centred adults that our kids have contact with will encourage their personal walk with our Mighty God.

We are currently looking at new curriculums to further connect our children to God. On special days such as Mother's Day and Father's Day, our kids get involved with special items or video presentations during the service. At Christmas, our children perform their own production.

The Kingdom Kids ministry also support our Emergency Resources Department during the annual Christmas production for our clients. We present the gospel to the children of our clients and have them participate in games and other activities.

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