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THE HAROLD BOX HALL AND DINGLEY VILLAGE LIBRARY ARE CHANGING – *HAVE YOUR SAY*

In January this year, Kingston Council approved Stage One of a planned redevelopment of the current Community facilities in the Marcus Rd reserve, comprising Dingley Village Library, Harold Box Hall and the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

A Master Plan has been developed for the site with works to be split into two stages. Stage One has been fully funded thanks to \$2.5million funding from Kingston Council and \$750,000 from the Victorian Government's Living Libraries fund.

Proposed stage 1 works include:

- library refurbishment
- new outdoor space connected to the library
- refurbishment of Harold Box Hall to support more flexible use of space
- new kiosk/kitchen and reception areas
- connecting foyer and external deck area to support future integration of the two buildings
- relocation of Maternal and Child Health service from Harold Box Hall to improved facilities in the Neighbourhood House building.

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre has been working with the City of Kingston for eight years to bring our Neighbourhood Centre and the Harold Box Hall up to a level that meets the needs of our Village. Harold Box Hall



will eventually become the home of the Neighbourhood Centre adult programs sharing space with the Library to better utilise community assets and the existing Neighbourhood Centre building will become a children's services centre

While the overall population of Dingley Village has remained fairly static, 10,777 (2016 Census), the profile has changed slightly with more primary schoolers and seniors. The usage of the Neighbourhood Centre and Harold Box Hall are increasing and more multi use community spaces are needed to meet demand. The Harold Box Hall was built in 1964 and in the early 1970's a very active Dingley Village Community Association conducted a local survey and ran public meetings in the hall to find out what further needs the local community had. One major outcome was a proposal to the then Springvale Council to build a Community Centre which did received

Council support and in 1977 building of the current Neighbourhood Centre was completed.

Over 1500 people a week use the complex and facilities provide for a wide range of groups and activities such as childcare, senior citizens, play-group, CWA, Lions club, computer classes, exercise groups, arts and crafts. In addition, health and disability services utilise rooms to provide support services within the community and local residents regularly

access facilities for family functions. Dingley Village needs and deserves this redevelopment, which is going to bring the Library, Hall, and Centre together in a modern integrated way, which will make the whole complex more welcoming and accessible whilst maintaining and embracing its beautiful parkland setting

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre will be working closely with City of Kingston in this exciting project and both City of Kingston and the Neighbourhood Centre want to hear from you, the community.

Draft plans and a video "walk through" of Stage 1 have been developed by the architects for the Council and will be made available for the public to view, comment and ask questions on the 17th March at the Dingley Village Farmers' Market. Council officers and representatives of the Neighbourhood Centre will be available from 10am – 1pm

DINGLEY DOINGS

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. If you prefer a weekday, we are also sewing on the 2nd Tuesday of the month between 9.30 and 12.30 at the neighbourhood centre to stitch, iron, cut out and screen print the bags .

The bags are available at the Dingley Village Farmers Market - Borrow and bring back for free and \$5.00 for a Bought to Support Bag. 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.

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

Weekend - Tiffany 0425 222 089

Mid week sewing - 9551 1658 or Debbie - 0411058804

Cinema UNDER THE STARS

17th March at Spring Park Golf Course, Dingley Village.

The reason for these events is to raise awareness of mental health issues, generate a sense of community inclusion and raise funds for 'Make A Difference Dingley Village Inc.'

The movie is 'Only the Brave' rated M and based on a true story.

The movie will start at sundown around 8:30 and conclude around 10:30 pm.

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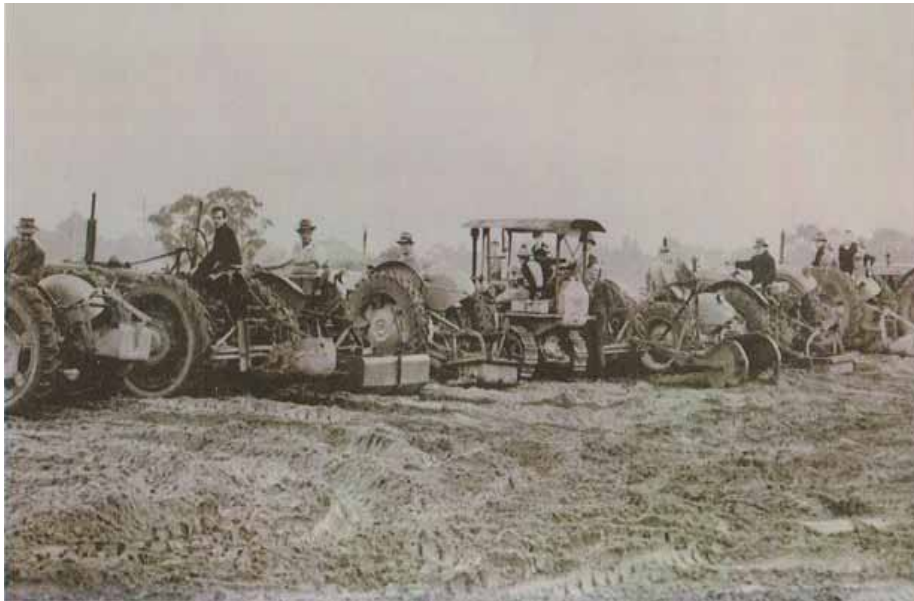
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VILLAGE REFLECTIONS

This item appeared in a local newspaper circa 1954- 1955



Dingley- a growing suburb between Dandenong and Cheltenham- went into action today.

And by the end of the year, Dingley hopes to have the finest recreation reserve around Melbourne. The people are building it for themselves.

About 40 menfolk, with the help of 20 tractors and one bulldozer began work on the reserve today.

By tonight, they hope to have levelled the ground for the reserve. The £400 pound they will save by doing it themselves will go to the cost of the pavilion.

All of today's working bee except one are market gardeners. The other is the headmaster of Dingley State School Mr. A. (Gus) Schmidt. Whilst he directed operations from a homemade theodolite, the tractors and scoops levelled the area for a football ground.

Mr Schmidt is the treasurer of the Dingley Recreation Reserve Committee, which was formed a year ago. The committee raised £900 pounds to build the reserve on 14 ½ acres of land bought for the purpose by the Dandenong Council. The Springvale and Noble Park Shire



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Engineer, Mr Gordon Wright drew up the plans and the men promised to do the rest themselves.

The committee president Mr Joe Souter made a theodolite out of "odds and ends" which included a car piston, a sight from an army signalling lamp and three pennies.

Mr Souter expects the football oval, with surrounding cycle and athletics track and fence to be finished by the end of the year. "As soon as we have our own ground, we'll be able to have a Dingley football team" he said.

A basketball court, bowling green, dressing rooms and community hall are also planned for the reserve.

After today's working bee, the workers will attend a local dance tonight.

A women's auxiliary committee provided the workers with morning and afternoon tea and lunch from a caravan.

Dingley has a population of about 500, a general store and a schoolhouse.

THE HISTORY OF 'APRONS'

by Tina Charlene

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - but love

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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 is finally applying 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.

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 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.

Don't leave it up to your neighbour or the people down the street to lodge an objection. Tell your friends & neighbours to be sure to object.

YOUR objection is vital, as it is all about numbers (e.g. 890 residents managed to stop the overdevelopment of the 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 Dossier issue. Please sign and post to Kingston council or leave in the collection boxes at the Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Rd., Dingley Village or Michael Benjamin's law office 117 Centre Dandenong Rd, Dingley Village.

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.

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

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Or maybe even offer better cover?

A comparison will allow you to guess how many Easter Eggs we have in the jar and a sale will give you two entries.

Unfortunately, we have caused a bit of angst among our customers by no longer trading on Saturday mornings. We do apologise if we have caused you any inconvenience, but it was no longer cost effective to open and we need to make a profit to support our community. The changing ways we conduct our banking business now, by using remote means of payment and using online services have influenced how we work with our customers. Please call me if you need any further clarification.

For those of you who don't know, we are not just a great bank, we help to build and strengthen the community and it's the

time and effort our Bank spends investing and innovating in the community that makes us unique and sets us apart. As we work to provide banking products and services for our customers, we consider the bigger picture.

We think about what we can do beyond banking to help our customers and strengthen the communities they live in.

At Dingley Village Community branch, we have invested over \$4 Million back into your community and Community branches throughout Australia have now topped \$183Million. Think of the advantages these communities have over ones without a Bendigo Bank branch to assist them.

We support this community by entering into community partnerships with local organisations by providing sponsorship and support and expect them to support our business. We also spread our community contributions a bit wider through our Grant program for not for profit organisations. Of course, this is not our core business. It's our banking

business which provides the funds to support our community, while we are building strong reciprocal partnerships which truly benefit all parties.

At our local schools we teach children the benefit of saving with our school banking programmes. There can be few things more valuable, when growing up, than to recognise the importance of budgeting.

This year we again provided every grade six graduating child in our local primary schools with a bank account to assist them in saving for their education or anything else they wanted. We also gave them \$50.00 to get started towards their future goals. This voucher expires on 31st March; so don't miss out if you received one at Christmas.

In our sporting clubs and associations, we have begun to convey the message that just sticking your hand out for sponsorship as a passive income stream, may not be as beneficial as joining with a banking community to increase the business and therefore the profits. In our bank, 80% of those profits are handed back to the community in the form of sponsorships and grants.

As a Dingley Village resident, you should ask yourself if you benefit in any way from having a Community Bank in your area. I am confident that the answer will be yes and in lots of cases, in multiple ways, from the many different organisations the bank supports, on an ongoing basis. That number is 164 at last count.

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Six families around Australia will sit in a doctor's office today and be told their child has a life-threatening medical condition. Their lives will change in an instant. They will have been told that they must spend their days in and out of scary hospitals and miss out on the everyday pleasures of childhood. It's unimaginable.

Along with medical treatment, they need the healing power of a Make-A-Wish wish.

As limitations are placed around these children's lives, things start to disappear. Their smiles, their hope for the future and their own self-belief.

At Make-A-Wish, we believe in the healing power of a wish. By putting the power back in the hands of these children and allowing them to regain some control, we can reignite their sense of hope and imagination, and give them strength to battle their illness.

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The wishes of these children are truly amazing. From seeing snow for the first time, to training with a favourite footy team, or seeing a unicorn fly; each wish is as unique as the imagination of the child who makes it. And, in bringing these wishes to life, we make the impossible possible for these really sick children and teens.

The Make-A-Wish Bayside Volunteer Branch are excitedly planning a trivia night to remember! All funds raised will make more wishes come true. With the big-hearted help from local business in Parkdale and surrounding suburbs, the evening is bound to be a success.

Thanks to the generous support of Kingston Hawthorn Cricket Club, the trivia night will be held at Walter Galt Reserve Pavilion in Parkdale on Saturday 17 March. Doors open at 7pm, and the trivia will start at 7.30pm with hosts Funky Bunch Trivia.

Tables will be in groups of eight, and tickets cost just \$25 per person so get yours now! To purchase tickets please go to www.facebook.com/events/1952111555041535/

Wishes have the power to transform these children's lives. But we need your help to continue making them come true.



OUR COUNCIL

NEW STREETLIGHTS HELP CUT GREENHOUSE GAS AND ENERGY COSTS

Kingston Council is cutting greenhouse gas and reducing the burden of rising electricity bills by installing over 7,500 street lights with energy-efficient LED globes.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said Council's \$2.9 million investments on the new lights was leading the way in reducing greenhouse emissions and reducing the burden of increasing energy costs on ratepayers.

This initiative will replace the majority of Kingston's street lights with energy-efficient lighting that will save energy and drastically reduce our impact on the environment. Cr Staikos said.

By reducing the money spent on energy bills for lighting the city, Council will be able to redirect savings to other important projects to improve services for our residents.

The new lights will:

- save 55,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions over 20 years - equivalent to removing over
- 600 cars from the road each year
- pay for themselves in the next 6 years,
- after which savings can be directed into services
- improve safety and light levels in our local streets
- reduce light pollution and glare.

The rollout of energy-efficient LEDs in Kingston will begin in coming weeks and is expected to be completed by July.

KINGSTON COUNCIL CALLS FOR STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF ODOUR-GENERATING WASTE INDUSTRY

Kingston Council is calling for stronger monitoring and enforcement of waste industry operators to ensure Clarinda residents are not subjected to foul odours.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said that the local community had raised concerns about odours in the area over many years.

I am keen to see positive action taken on this issue and will make it a key priority of my Mayoral term. Cr Staikos said.

I've written to the EPA calling for this issue to be treated as a top priority with increased inspections to ensure waste operators are meeting their obligations.

Late last year Kingston Council issued a Planning Contravention Notice against operators of the Victory Road site regarding stockpiling of green waste material that we believe was resulting in odour issues in the area.

While Council can play a role, the responsibility for odour lies with the EPA and their expert staff are well-placed to identify odour sources and ensure compliance is achieved. Cr Staikos said.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with the EPA during the final stages of the waste industry in Kingston to ensure that issues of community concern are addressed and that the waste industry acts in accordance with the law.

APPLY NOW FOR FUNDING TO HELP BOOST A HEALTHY, HAPPY, CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Applications are now open for Kingston Council's 2017/18 Community Grants Program with thousands of dollars on offer to help boost our vital local community groups.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos encouraged eligible local groups to apply for funding to assist them as they work to build a stronger, healthier and socially connected Kingston.

Kingston is proud to invest over a million dollars in supporting our fantastic local community groups make a positive difference in our community.

Council works in partnership with local not-for-profit community organisations to contribute to a healthy and vibrant community in Kingston. Cr Staikos said. "Every year Council allocates thousands of dollars to help hundreds of different community groups deliver a range of programs in arts, sport, welfare, community events, social activities and much more."

Grants are available in the following areas:

Annual Grants: Up to \$10,000 available to community groups and organisations for activities that contribute to the social, economic and health and wellbeing of the residents of Kingston. A series of information sessions will be held in coming weeks to help groups apply for an annual grant.

Arts Grants: Grants available for individual artists, not-for-profit art groups and organisations across four categories: community arts, youth arts internships, arts and cultural tourism and sharing cultures.

Children's Week Grants: Up to \$1000 for events and one-off activities that celebrate Children's Week in October.

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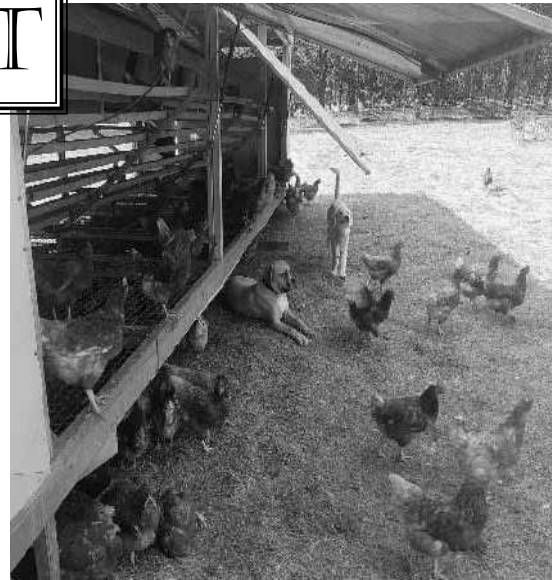
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market and that the parking attendants from the Dingley Village Men's Shed will assist you with parking. Very handy for getting your shopping back to your car.

Head to 31 Marcus Rd, Dingley Village from 8.30am to 1pm on the third Saturday each month.

Stop and chat to our market manager Amy (in yellow fluoro vest), your suggestions and feedback are welcome.



Our next market is on Saturday 17th March, 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.

Mumz with Bunz will again be at the market with a great menu using fresh seasonal produce. Try their scrumptious waffles or get a take home pack from their menu. Crystal is an amazing chef who creates lunch options that tantalize your taste buds.

We have been reliably informed that the girls at Egg-erton Eggs are happy contented chooks since moving into their new accommodation. The chooks (and the dogs) catching some much needed shade under the big open doors of the new chicken trailer.

City of Kingston Councillors officers will be in attendance at the market displaying plans and video walkthrough of redevelopment of Harold Box Hall and Library and answering your questions

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LOCAL SPORTS

The Dingley Dossier wants to help promote Dingley Village Sporting clubs and acknowledge special milestones and achievements. As you can see, Dingley Villages' two Netball clubs have taken advantages of this opportunity. Information from all Dingley village sporting clubs is welcome for inclusion in the Dingley Dossier.

DINGLEY NETBALL CLUB



Dingley Netball Club has 15 teams entered into the SDNA competition in Season1, ranging from 7 year olds to 18 year olds. We have a lot of new players with us this year and we welcome them and their families to our wonderful club. We hope you enjoy playing with us and you make some wonderful friends along the way and experience success.

As well as new players, we also have some new coaches joining us, bringing their wonderful experience and knowledge to share with our players. We thank them for their time and commitment to our club and our players.

Dingley Netball Club also offers a free Netskills program every Tuesday from 4.30pm – 5.30pm at the Rowan

Road courts. This is a great program for beginners where they learn the basic skills of netball and get an idea if it's a sport they want to pursue. Where possible we put our 'graduates' into a team to



play competition together on Saturday mornings. All participants also receive a free t-shirt.

Our most recent graduates have now formed our U10/2 team called Finchs. (pictured below) They began their competitive netball journey last week and the excitement on their faces was absolutely priceless. They all thoroughly enjoyed it despite a loss in very hot conditions. For them, it was not about winning but about playing with their friends that they had progressed through Netskills with. As well taking to the court in their beautiful Dingley Netball Club dresses and having a go. It was lovely to see them with smiles on their faces and putting into practice what they had learned. We look forward to watching their netball journey.

If you would like more information on our Netskills program, please feel free to contact Peta Young on 0407 094 034 or if you would like information on our club, please contact Michelle Pollard on 0419 160 370.



MAROONS NETBALL CLUB

The 2018 netball season has started, with all of our 16 teams eager to play at the Rowan Road Netball courts.

Maroons Netball Club are situated in Dingley Village and play Saturday morning Junior competition at the Rowan Road Netball courts under the Springvale and District Netball Association. Maroons have 16 netball teams that range from Net Set Go U/10's through to U/18's. We are always on the lookout for both boys and girls to join our club.

We run a free NetSkills Clinic for children aged 7-10 years, every Tuesday from 4-5pm. This is a fun way to get all the skills they require before playing competition netball. Please contact myself, Trudy Pritchard on haytru@bigpond.net.au or 0407 334 057 if interested. We had our first Netskills team enter the competition this season, the Maroons Bobcats. It was such a joy watching them play and to see how excited and enthusiastic they are.

Maroons Netball club are always on the look out for new players and Coaches. If you have ever wanted to try your hand at coaching, it's a very rewarding and fun experience, feel free to contact us via our website at: maroonsnetballclub.net.au.

DINGLEY CRICKET CLUB

It has been a tough season for the senior teams at The Den, with a number of critical injuries curtailing our push for further on-field success. With 8 senior teams, it's still been a big year.

The first two rounds of cricket after the New Year break were affected by the weather, firstly by the heat and then by the rain. It meant that the 3rd week of January was a massive weekend of senior cricket, with our seven XIs playing two one-day games that weekend.

It has been a tough season for our First XI. With club captain Corey Booth out for the remainder of the season, Christo Otto took over the captaincy for the First XI. Since the start of cricket for the new year, the Dingoes lost to local rivals and reigning First XI premiers Mordialloc along with Dandenong West, and a heartbreaking loss to North Dandenong by two runs.

Our Second XI's first game of the new year was tinged with sadness against Hampton Park; due to the death of former DDCA umpire Mark Belbin. The Belbin family has a connection to both clubs and this was recognized during the first day's play with both teams wearing black armbands and holding a minute's silence prior to the days play. On the pitch, the Second XI celebrated their second win of the year, with a Mark 'Pumpkin' Fitch 99 not out leading the way to a five wicket win. Sadly, the taste of success was fleeting as they fell to an outright loss against Springvale away from home.

Our Third XI is yet to chalk up a victory this season but they have been far from uncompetitive. Led by the effervescent Jonathan Bishop, the Dingoes have lost to Springvale South and Lyndale in tightly contested one-dayers, but were comprehensively beaten by Dandenong West in their first two-day game of the year.

The Fourth XI are once again being led by the experienced Danny Matic. Their first game of the year was held against Lynbrook and despite a Jackson O'Brien 98 and a 50 by club legend Darren Fitch, Lynbrook managed to take the points with 5 wickets and 2 and a half overs in hand. They then faced Springvale and lost by 27 runs in another gallant performance, before falling to Narre North at home.

Led by Dingoes cult hero Scott 'Milney' Morris, the fifths remain an outside chance to play finals. They have only played one game since the New Year, as their games Narre South was abandoned

due to the hot weather and their game against Heinz Southern Districts was won via forfeit. But their only game they have played since the New Year was a classic. Sadly, it saw the Dingoes fall to Hallam Kalora Park by just two runs in spite of a Jackson O'Brien half century.

The Darren Hiddlestone lead Sixth XI had their first game of the new year cancelled against Lynbrook then rebounded strongly against North Dandenong, with Hiddlestone's miserly 5/18 and a strong batting performance seeing the Dingoes home by six wickets. Sadly, the Dingoes crashed down to earth in the next game at home against Cranbourne with an outright loss at Chadwick.

Our Seventh XI has seen some Dingoes make their debut in senior cricket. With their first game of the year cancelled against St Brigids/St Louis, their first game of the year saw Coomoora comprehensively outplay the Dingoes at 'home' (Keysborough College's Heatherhill Campus) before rebounding with their first victory of the season against Lynbrook, thanks to a sensational 4/8 by captain Kevin Matthews.

Our Women's XI currently sit on an even keel with four wins and four losses. Their first game after the New Year hiatus couldn't have gone much better with the Dingoes thrashing Gruyere District by 136 runs, thanks to half centuries to Nikki Shaw and Sharon Sheals along with a strong bowling performance, led by Shaw and youngster Leiha May with 2 wickets apiece. They then played Monash University, and despite another Shaw half century along with Emily Parks chipping in with 61 not out, they fell by nine wickets to Monash University.

We currently have multiple junior teams playing in the South Eastern Cricket Association along with an Under 13 girls team playing games midweek in the All Girls Cricket Competition (AGCC). Special mention to our Under 14A team, who are currently on top of the ladder.

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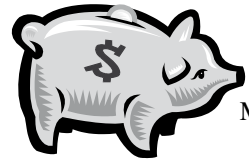
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- **Setting goals.** This process helps you decide where you want to go in life. A skilled financial planner can assist you to identify your financial goals, prioritise them and understand the steps required to turn your vision into reality.

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- **Being there over the long term.** Going your own way is rarely the best option. Most people don't have the background knowledge to feel confident about making investment decisions that will have a large bearing on their financial future. Keeping up with all of the legislative changes and new investment offers is also an onerous task. Your planner will be there to steer you on your path to financial independence and ensure your plan remains relevant and on track.

While investment magazines and on-line subscription services can provide very useful information, they are often written by journalists with a general grounding in financial concepts but who are not looking at the complete picture. A financial planner is trained to take into account all legislative and strategic implications to ensure you receive the best advice possible... and this training is ongoing.

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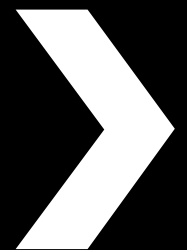
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If you are an adult in Australia, the kinds of vaccines you need to get will depend on several factors, including whether you missed out on childhood vaccines, if you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, your occupation, how old you are and whether you intend to go travelling.

SURVIVE THE HEAT

We can still experience high temperatures in March, even though we have cooler nights. Heat kills more Australians than any other natural disaster.

Extreme heat can affect anybody and those most at risk are older people, young children and people with a medical condition.

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Most leg pain symptoms are caused by injury to the nerves that exit the spine and run down the leg. This can be due to a variety of different injuries including:

1. **Joint Injuries** - stiffness or pinching of joint
2. **Disc Injuries** - disc inflammation or bulging
3. **Muscular Injuries** - muscle spasms or strains

Often the episode of leg pain is preceded by a seemingly minor movement,

such as bending over to pick up an object off the floor or twisting awkwardly whilst bending or lifting

The typical symptoms in the leg range from sharp shooting pain in the leg from the buttock to the back or front of the leg and even as far as the foot to constant nagging pain like toothache which does not subside with changing positions. Pain can be associated with pins and needles, numbness and weakness. It can be in the form of twitching, strange sensations in the leg such as increased sensitivity or acute tenderness in one region. The pain is often made worse by sitting, bending, coughing or sneezing, and is generally eased by lying down particularly on the asymptomatic side.

It is important to establish the correct diagnosis and begin some treatment, which will initially consist of some rest initially with anti-inflammatory medica-

tion and analgesia for those with constant pain. It is important to ensure that your treatment is individualized and that you seek treatment early to enable you are able to gradually return to your normal activities. As your symptoms settle, a thorough rehabilitation program including strength exercises are incorporated to reduce this risk of further exacerbation.

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SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENTS

Have you started a business venture with another person and are looking to incorporate or are part of an ongoing business with other parties as shareholders in a company?

What you should seriously consider is a shareholders agreement.

Clarity:

A shareholder agreement is always a good idea because it clarifies what and how you and your business partner are to deal with each other, the business and with third parties. Hence, it is best to have this done prior to commencing business / incorporation, as there is a chance that once up and running or further down the track, parties recollection of details will differ if not contradict raising the possibility of disharmony and disputes.

Where you don't have a shareholder agreement and are a part of an ongoing business, it is not too late to consider a shareholder agreement.

Having a shareholder agreement in place ensures that all shareholders understand the company's scope and purpose, how the relationship of the parties are governed with regards to each other, the company and third parties and how the business and the parties will deal with issues and events.

What ifs

A well written shareholders agreement specifies the shareholders' intentions in relation to multiple "what if" scenarios such as:

1. What happens if one shareholder wants to leave the venture?
2. How will the shares be valued at the time of sale?
3. Will all shareholders have access to books and records?
4. Will there be any restrictions on sale to third parties? Who can be a shareholder in the venture?
5. What happens when one shareholder dies, becomes disabled or files for personal bankruptcy?
6. Assuming the shareholders are also employees of the venture, what are the duties of each party in relation to the venture? Roles and expectations?

7. What happens if there are unequal contribution between the shareholders?

8. Do the shareholders have an obligation to keep each other informed of something that happens outside the ordinary course of business?

Resolving disagreements

By agreeing to the terms and conditions, a shareholder agreement sets out rules and parameters about events and issues that may arise. Although you and your business partner may appear (or think) you are on good terms now, in business there are many unforeseen events and scope for disagreements especially for disagreements to snowball into significant disputes.

Where this happens, having a shareholder agreement should provide a framework/mechanism to resolve issues which could potentially save the relationship or allow orderly exit of one or more parties from the relationship. Conversely, where third parties seek to join the business, a well drafted shareholder agreement should provide mechanisms for incoming parties.

In extreme cases of shareholder disputes, the parties will likely incur significant legal fees or end up in court which are well drafted shareholder agreement can head off or curtail.

Better to be safe than sorry

It is important to note that shareholder agreements are, or at least should be,

company-specific. There is no 'one-size fit all' approach as the position and nature of relationship between shareholders are different in every situation. Your shareholder agreement should depend entirely on the specific circumstances of your venture.

Further, as previously mentioned, it is also never too late to draw up a shareholders agreement – better to be safe than sorry.

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WHAT IS MYOPIA AND A BEHAVIOURAL OPTOMETRY APPROACH

Myopia or short-sightedness is when objects in the distance are blurry without corrective lenses. There are multiple reasons for developing myopia including genetics, ethnicity, environment, visual hygiene, and stress on the visual system. Research from the Brian Holden Vision Institute reports, the incidence of myopia is rising globally and will become one of the leading causes of blindness worldwide. Myopia creates a higher risk for glaucoma and retinal detachments.

Based on current trends globally, almost half of the world's population is predicted to be myopic by 2050 and our environment and working habits have much to do with this. Biologically our eyes have evolved to see clearly in the distance but we also buffer to handle near visual demands. Our eyes work best in a 3D visual world where there is constant visual movement to flex and relax the eye muscles.

Prolonged near work on 2D surfaces, restricts this movement and can exhaust the near buffer. An adaptation has to occur to cope with these new demands. Myopia is this adaptation.

At this point you may make a visit to your optometrist with concerns about your blurry distance vision. A traditional approach would be to have single vision distance lenses prescribed. These lenses however, only mask the problem and can start the endless cycle of myopia progression. Steven Gallop, a well-known behavioural optometrist in America, calls this the sponge effect. The eyes soak up more and more minus power as more is

given, like a dry sponge soaks water.

A behavioural optometry approach for myopia treatment can involve a combination of therapeutic lenses, vision therapy or ortho-keratology lenses. Therapeutic lenses can be single vision near or a digital lens to reduce the visual stress for near tasks. Vision therapy is a sequence of activities to improve the awareness and control of the visual process. It involves re-wiring the brain in how information from the eyes is processed. Ortho-keratology is a hard contact lens worn while you sleep. This is one of the most recent advances in myopia control. It works by flattening the central cornea allowing distance clarity while also raising the peripheral cornea making near work easier.

Symptoms of over using our eyes include headaches, sore eyes, intermittent blur in the distance or near, getting double vision, low attention and tiring quickly after reading for short periods. Good visual hygiene like taking regular breaks between computer work, varying our visual experiences, spending more time outdoors can help reduce the demands on your eyes. If you are in school or have an office-based job, anti-fatigue lenses can be prescribed to help make near tasks easier and prevent the myopia from starting.

At Dingley Eye Centre we can help to prescribe the best solution for your visual needs and help reduce the progression of your myopia. We are passionate about your vision and the health of your families' eyes. Call us to make an appointment, book online or come down for a chat about myopia and how we can help you look after your eyes.



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CIRCLING THE CLUBS



PROBUS CLUB DINGLEY CENTRAL - MARCH DOSSIER

Last month we celebrated our 27th Anniversary with a cake, which was cut by our Life Member, 'Keith Pocknee'. As our guest, "Magician", did not arrive, we turned to plan B; four of our members, Sue McConchie, Brian Stooke, Ann Kilby & Jenny Dight, told us their stories, which were very informative, interesting and at times quite amusing.

Our March activities begin with the General Meeting, also our AGM on 5th. Camera Club meet at 10.30am on 8th, The Pirates of Penzance - FAC 10.30am on 9th, Morning Coffee "The Nest" Waterways, 10.30am on 12th. On the 14th members are leaving for their trip to Tasmania, back on 19th, iPad and computer Group 10am on 20th. On 21st at 6.30pm is our dine-out. Morning Melodies featuring Brian Muldoon with "The Johnny O'Keefe" tribute on 23rd at 10am. Craft Group meets at DVNC 10am on 26th, Games day on 29th at 10.30am. As Good Friday, falls on 30th there will be no walking group this month.

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.

Thanks,
 Probus Club of Dingley Central.

DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED

The Dingley Village Men's Shed was honoured to be nominated, for Best Community Group, in the City of Kingston's

Australia Day Awards. The Chelsea Edithvale Wet Lands group were the worthy winners for having put over thirty years of volunteering into saving the wetlands.

Another great social gathering was held with our family BBQ to celebrate Australia Day. The flag was raised however, the singing of 'Advance Australia Fair' will need further work and the second verse was not even attempted.

During 2017, 34 riders participated in the Wednesday bike rides with the longest trip of 50 km to Elwood for lunch at the North Point Café and four riders clocking up over 1000km for the year.

The verandah is finished- a true thing of beauty and it really sets off the extension and provides a very serviceable area, great to sit under on a hot day like the one we had on our Australia Day family BBQ lunch.

Our Annual Meeting of members will be held on Friday 2nd March 2018 at 10.30am at the shed. The draft constitution for Incorporation will be presented to members for approval.

New members equals new ideas equals a better shed.

If you would like to find out more, join us Friday mornings' at the shed

Cypress Drive, Braeside Park, Lower Dandenong Rd, Braeside. (Near the Visitors Centre)

DINGLEY 60 PLUS SOCIAL GROUP

January and February has seen our members enjoying dinner, live music and dancing at our local Night Clubs. Australia Day celebrations were attended at Noble Park where there was a Flag Raising Ceremony, a BBQ lunch and a lively band

performing. We indulged ourselves with dinners at Beaumaris – Japanese, Dingley – Dumplings and Hampton – Italian. We enjoyed a stage play at Parkdale preceded by an early dinner at a nearby restaurant.

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 enquiries about the group may be directed to Graeme on 9551 3462 or Shirley on 9551 1398.

Join our scene right from the beginning of 2018.



ROTARY CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE

Good afternoon once more Dingley friends, from your rather exhausted Rotary Scribe. Exhausted not from Rotary affairs but from helping happy daughter clear out her flat preparatory for sale re her upcoming wedding. Despite the best fatherly advice, some women never learn, but enough of personal stuff.

Your Rotary club has continued doing what it does best over the last month, namely attending to its affairs in your community interests, whilst providing good fellowship and worthwhile times for its members and friends. At one of our recent meetings, we were fortunate to be instructed and entertained by Mr. Phil Reed, the founder, chief executive

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officer, and all things important to the Mordialloc Chronicle and other local newspapers in which he has an interest. After a busy business life, in which he spent over ten years in the service of Telstra (don't blame him) he ultimately retired. Retired to carry bricks, if one followed his fortunes.

Finding that looking at the wall, thinking of playing golf etc., etc., did not quite suit his fancy, he entered the local newspaper business with considerable success. His mission was to give local issues a voice, and what with founding the Chronicle, running unsuccessfully for Council and his many other ventures, he succeeded in spades. He epitomised the old saying that if one wants something done, give it to a busy man: regardless of his harassed wife. Well done Phil.

At this time it is also fitting for the Club to express its appreciation to the many good people of Dingley Village who have donated their spare international coins to our UNICEF boxes at our local Bendigo Bank branch. This is a joint venture between your Club and the Bank and we have just handed over another three kilogram of coins, which translates to approx. two hundred dollars. A lot of money for a worthwhile cause from coins that otherwise would probably have been discarded. Well done Dingley Community, keep the coins rolling in.

Your Club is of course still extraordinarily busy currently, finalising plans for our annual Charity Golf Day on Thursday 22 February. As previously advised, this will be our last Charity day at our very own Kingswood sight. A wonderful day is planned, if also a nostalgic one. Please give this great day your full support. Remember, we are YOUR Club, working for YOUR local interests; we deserve your support. Phone 0488444147 or 0421236437 for further information. We can promise you an enthusiastic welcome and an unforgettable day. I am sure you will not let us down.

*Till we chat again,
Your Rotary Club scribe,
Dudley Podbury.*

PROBUS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE INC.

At our February meeting, we were privileged to have Pete Smith, from Channel 9, as our Guest Speaker. So many memories were recalled for our members, particularly from the era of black and white television, shows such as 'In Melbourne Tonight', and personalities including Gra-

ham Kennedy and Bert Newton. Pete has been at Channel 9 for 54 years, and is still actively involved in the media.

March activities will include a movie at Waverley Cinema followed by lunch at the adjacent café on the 8th, morning coffee at the Nest Café on the 13th, a dine out at Holmesglen TAFE on the 16th, and Morning Melodies at the Waltzing Matilda Hotel, with Brian Muldoon (Johnny O'Keefe tribute) on the 23rd 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. Our Annual General Meeting will follow the regular meeting on the 1st March. 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 Peter on 9584 6987

LIONS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE



We have recommenced our meetings for 2018 after the Christmas Break and looking forward to productive and rewarding year. Members and their partners ended 2017 with an enjoyable evening at Amy's – Dingley International Hotel.

The Lions Club of Dingley needs your help; our membership base is very low and we are looking for community-minded people to join our club. We need support to enable our club to continue to support our community.

What does the Lions Club do? – Are you interested in helping others? Making an impact?

Lion club members use their time and talents to provide hands-on assistance to enhance their community. Through these experiences, members', cultivate lasting friendships, meet challenges head-on and learn a lot about themselves in the process.

During 2017, the Dingley Village Lions Club supported Prostate Cancer Research Foundation, Lions Cord Blood Foundation and donated Care Bears for sick children at the Monash Medical Centre. We provided book awards to children at schools in the Dingley area, and through the Monash Health Foundation, gave support to a local child to enable them to compete interstate at a sports meeting. We also contributed money towards the purchase of a Hart Walker. For these things to happen we

need members to help us raise money with these projects and others.

Thank you, to all who supported Dingley Lions by purchasing Lions Christmas Cakes. Our next fundraiser will be the Entertainment Book, only \$70.00 this year and great savings can be had. These books will be available from April at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road.

If anybody has any of the following items, they can be left at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

Pre loved spectacles, sunglasses and hearing aids and used stamps are still needed. Thank you to all who have donated, please keep them coming in.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village (Public Holidays excluded). These meetings are informal and friendly.

Please help us make a difference to our community – our members are our greatest asset.

Contact – President Lynne 9551 3770
dingleylions@gmail.com

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC. DINGLEY VILLAGE

The ladies of CWA Dingley Village wish to pass on to Margaret Vogt their thanks for the monthly inclusion of our CWA associations' news in the Dingley Dossier.

While attending to the requests for aid from the list of charities CWA Dingley donate to, we now have passed on to Sandringham Hospital 1500 Trauma dolls.

Our project now is putting together all the knitted woollen squares to make up rugs and blankets for the cooler weather when it arrives. Then its ideas and fingers to work for gifts for our Mother's Day stall in a few months.

In our ACWW report we were advised, an all-out effort by Women's organisations worldwide were aiming for 220,000 pounds from their Pennies for Friendship fund.

Our next craft day will be Wednesday 8th of March at 10am in the home of our craft leader, then our next meeting will be held at DVNC 31B Marcus Rd, Dingley Village on Wednesday 29th of March 2018 at 10am. Visitors are most welcome.

President Lindy at 9579 2574 or Secretary Diane on 9580 61509 will be pleased to pass on any information regarding CWA Dingley Village.

CHURCHES & CHALLENGES



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Our Church program for MARCH is as follows:

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday 30th March: 9.00 a.m. Communion Service at the Harold Box Hall, 31 Marcus Road, Dingley Village.

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.

Guest Speakers:

11th March - Tim & Bronwyn Perry update on their work in Thailand through The River - Asia

18th March - Simon Pyatt preaching

25th March - Slavic Gospel Association update and preaching

MONTHLY LADIES AND MENS GROUPS:

* Homemakers - 1st Monday of each month. Monday, 5th March. 7.45pm, 23 St. Mark's Close, Dingley.

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

LIFE GROUPS:

***Youth** - Fortnightly Tuesdays 6.30pm. 10 Lando Place, Springvale South. 6th and 20th March.

*Wednesday nights - Fortnightly 7-8.30pm. 14th and 28th March. 4 Jane Court, Dingley.

Sunday nights - 1st and 3rd Sundays,

7-8.30pm. 4th and 18th March. 98 Stanley Road, Keysborough.

PRAYER TIME:

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

Monthly - Saturday 17th March; 7-8am and 9-10am at church office.

BIBLE STUDY:

*Women's - Thursday 1st, 15th and 29th March. Precept Ministries study on the book of Ruth. Fortnightly at the church office 10-11.30am.

Open - Friday 2nd and 16th March. Fortnightly at church office 10.00am. "Trusting God".

*Not held during school holidays.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT:

For nearly 80 years, Village Church has served the people of Dingley Village and its surrounding suburbs. We greatly value the involvement that we have always had in our community and desire to make a difference for the greater good of all. As a caring church, our heart is to serve the community, by having an impact in and amongst its families. In today's climate, families and marriages are under attack; many relationships are strained and are at breaking point. Many don't know where to turn, who to trust and as a result become despondent and disillusioned with life.

We believe that now more than ever, Village Church can play a pivotal role in strengthening and encouraging families, as we commit to giving our all to help you out. We have many gifted, equipped and willing members who would love to listen, encourage and give sound advice to you. Village Church desires to help and would love to present practical solutions, to any and every area that brings tension, pain and confusion. Please give us a call on 0481 352 404, we'd love to be able to encourage, support and strengthen you.

Our Church Office is at 7-9 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough, and is open from Monday to Friday, 9.00a.m. to 12pm - Phone Number 9798 1124. Please feel free to call Lesley with any enquiries you may have.

Our Senior Pastor is Rodney Hole who may be contacted through the Church Office.



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Sunday services at 10.00 a.m.

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Our Vision and our Mission

To seek to connect people to God and each other

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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 9590 9570 or 0419 115 811

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

BARK AND CHAT

This group for dog lovers and dogs will meet on Saturday, 17th March at 10.00 a.m. at the Church. An informative meeting followed by morning tea. For further information contact Margaret on 0401 392 772

What: Celebrate Easter 2018

When: Good Friday, 30th March - 1pm to 2pm

**Where: Federation Square
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Celebrate Easter is a celebration of the finished work of the cross. Three churches from different denominations have come together to host this event in the heart of Melbourne and everyone is invited.

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The host churches are Kingston City Church, Enjoy church and Oaktree An-

glican church. For more information see www.celebrateeaster.com.au or contact Kingston City Church on 8551 6600. 316-322 Kingston Road, Clarinda, 3169 (near Clayton & Boundary Roads intersection)

Ph: 8551 6600, Fax: 8551 6690. Web: www.kingstoncitychurch.com.au
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Senior Pastor: Dan Parker
Senior Associate Pastor: Dave Harrison
Sunday Services: 10am Service has Children's Ministry.



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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)

NEW STAFF

We welcome onto staff at CCD Rev Tanya Cummings as our new Associate Priest and Andrew Capon taking up the new role of Children, Youth and Young Adults' Minister.

We thank God for His provision of these excellent people to serve the church

and wider community in our common search for a faith that has integrity and authenticity. They are strong believers in Jesus and bring a deep compassion for people to this community.

Please feel free to make contact with them through the church office.

COMING EVENTS at CCD

Pleasant Tuesday Communion Service – 13 March, 2pm in the Church. Service includes Holy Communion and Favourite Hymns, followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. Transport available on request: 9551 7871.

Wednesday nights in March, The movie – 'The Gospel of John' will continue with discussion groups following. All welcome. 7.30pm – 9pm.

Maundy Thursday – 29 March, 7.30 pm Communion service with foot-washing ceremony.

Good Friday – 30 March, 9.30am Combined service.

Easter Sunday – 1 April. Celebration of Jesus' resurrection with Baptisms. 8.30 & 10.30.

REGULAR MINISTRIES

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

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For Youth and Young Adults:

Reverse (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

Ministers:

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Associate Minister: Tanya Cummings
Children, Youth & Young Adults' Minister: Andrew Capon

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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)

Easter church services:

29th March – Holy Thursday – 7:00pm Mass

30th March – Good Friday – 11:00am Stations of the Cross + Soup Lunch

3:00pm solemn veneration of the cross

31st March – Saturday – Confessions: 9:30am to 10:30 am

7:00pm – Easter Vigil Mass

1st April – Easter Sunday – 9:30 am – Holy Mass

Some important dates for the month of March

8th St John of God
17th St Patrick of Ireland - Bishop
19th St Joseph – husband of the Bl Virgin Mary
24th Blessed Oscar Romero – Bishop & Martyr
25th Palm Sunday
29th Holy Thursday (see timings above)
30th Good Friday (see timings above)
31st Holy Saturday (see timings above)
1st April Easter Sunday (see timings above)

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With ATAR scores, attention is often focused on big-name, high-fee schools, however it is exciting to see that a low-fee independent school can also achieve great results for its students. Heatherton Christian College student, and Dingley Village resident, Joshua Ratten achieved an ATAR score of 99.05, a record for the school, but he is not alone at HCC. With 23% of our students achieving scores over 90 and 40% hitting figures over 80, HCC is proud of all its 2017 VCE students and congratulate them on their success.

Our next two Open Days are happening on Monday 26 February, 9am-Midday and Saturday 3 March, 11am-1pm. This is a great opportunity to see the school in action. School tours depart regularly on Open Day from the gymnasium foyer. There is no need to book for Open Day, just turn up! 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 limited places still available for 2018. We regularly update our web site, check it out at www.hcc.vic.edu.au

KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to school everyone, especially to all our new Preps and the students who have joined the school at higher-grade levels. Our current enrolment is 617 students, 26 grades in total. We have had a wonderfully smooth start to the school year. Our 88 Prep children are truly delightful and are settling well into their new environment. This year, we

are welcoming four new staff members to Kingswood and have two staff members returning.

This year we have a lot to look forward to. Our senior students will be able to enjoy a new rope playground and volleyball court, thanks to the fundraising efforts of our Parent Club. We have new student leaders, who you may see around our community representing Kingswood. Our Students will participate in a range of camps, sports excursions and other educational experiences.


We will also host two conferences - our Thinking Conference in June and our iii STEAM Conference in August. Our annual conferences engage the highest calibre of international, national and local educators.

We look forward to offering education experiences to our wider community including parent information sessions, guest speakers and an Open Day. We hope numerous members of Dingley, will join us at these events.

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Featured dog for March



Sally - Bull Arab - Female - 12 months

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