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## KINGSTON POKIES LOSSES TOP \$85 MILLION

Australia has the worst gambling culture in the world, it is so endemic in our culture and it's a whole community concern. Victorians lost \$2.698 billion on poker machines in the 2018-19 financial year, the second highest amount of losses since pokies were introduced to the state.

There are 898 poker machines at 16 venues, within the City of Kingston, yet under Victorian Government laws our area could have up to 1,213 electronic gaming machines (EGMs).

And this number could grow further as our population increases.

This is despite the fact that Kingston consistently rates third in the state for the highest number of licenced venues, the sixth highest for number of poker machines and within the top 10 for amount of money lost – with a staggering \$85+million lost each year. And this number is growing. Last year the amount lost to poker machines in Kingston jumped almost 4% in just 12 months.

Dingley International Hotel had the dubious honour of raking in the most money in the area, with \$15.6 million from 90 machines — more than all of the City of Bayside's venues combined.

Moorabbin's Sandbelt Club hotel was second with \$11.2 million, in front of Royal Oak on \$9.1 million.

The City of Kingston and the community are calling on the Victorian Government to make urgent changes to gaming laws to reduce the devastating impact of poker machines in Kingston.



Council has also joined forces with the Alliance for Gambling Reform, a national organisation working to minimise harm caused by poker machines.

### WHY POKER MACHINES ARE A PROBLEM.

Research has found that more than 70% of people who use poker machines experience some level of harm, and that poker machines are the cause of most gambling-related problems. What's worse, the people who are harmed by poker machines are more likely to be from lower income areas who least can afford the losses.

Each year that's \$85 million dollars that could be better spent on people's vital needs including housing, health, education and food.

People most vulnerable problem gambling are those facing social isolation, from disadvantaged communities and from multicultural / non-English speaking backgrounds.

And it's not just problem gamblers that pay the price. Research has found that of all the harm caused by gambling in Victoria, 15% impacts problem gamblers, 35% moderate-risk gamblers and 50% to low-risk gambling. And the harm of gambling also causes widespread ripples in the community with the Productivity Commission estimating that every person with a gambling problem has an adverse impact on another 7.3 people. The whole community can suffer.

Research has also found it is a contributing factor to family violence with problem gamblers more likely to be both victims and perpetrators of family violence. And sadly more than half of problem gamblers have used physical violence against their own children.

The harm caused by poker machines is clear and simply cannot be ignored.

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# COMMUNITY



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Rotary Club of Dingley Village will be conducting a Remembrance Day Service on 11th November at the Dingley Village Memorial, Marcus Rd Dingley Village. The service will commence at 10.30 am and the community of Dingley Village is invited to attend.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Our own Dingley Dingoes captured their fourth Southern league Division 1 flag in five years, defeating Cheltenham by 12 points.

Five-time Dingley premiership player Andrew Frost retired after the grand final, Frost, 33, played his first senior game for the Dingoes in 2004 and is regarded as a true great of the club. Forty-year-old forward Troy Parker also called it quits, after 447 senior games.

Capping it off, Dingley also won the reserves grand final, defeating Mordialloc, but fell short of St Kilda City in the Under 19s decider.



### CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO

*The City of Kingston presented a Community Service Award to Marion Harriden OAM at its Council meeting on the 23rd September. Marion received the award in acknowledgement of her 30 plus years on the Board of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.*

### NEW MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

**Do you feel isolated or challenged by compromised mental health?**

This is your opportunity to develop positive wellbeing practices.

Not for profit organisation, Mindful Makings Inc., has announced its first 6 weeks program beginning 4th November at 10:00am. And we have a few spaces left at our Dingley Village location.

The program will be conducted by our qualified facilitator who will support the participants to develop their awareness in relation to their thoughts, feelings and reactions through mindfulness and creativity.

With further programs starting in early 2020 (school hours and after business hours) depending on interest.

Being a not for profit initiative – we have kept participant costs at a minimum from \$10.00 a session.

Facilitating positive change, growth and an opportunity to create and connect with yourself and others - there is no better time than NOW, to sign up.

Contact us for more information: Facebook - Mindful Makings Inc. & mindful\_makings@outlook.com

### SAVE KINGSWOOD

Australian Super says on their website: "We believe that investing in assets with good environmental, social and governance management".

Then as caretakers of the Kingswood Golf Course, they watch as the course is devastated.

Residents, tell Australian Super that Dingley Village wants their Park and to stop destroying it.

You can also contact our councillors and politicians.

More here: [www.aaa1.biz/d/3.html](http://www.aaa1.biz/d/3.html)

Kevin Poulter

Save Kingswood Group Inc.

### LIBRARY SERVICES

Don't forget, you can drop off and collect library books from the Neighbourhood Centre Office, Mon – Friday 9am – 3pm. Library staff are at the Centre Mondays 2.30 – 3.30pm to assist and answer any questions.

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# Letters to the Editor



## It has begun.

The assault on Braeside Park began by bulldozing heathland for construction workers' sheds. Road signs, warning of traffic delays, are on Lower Dandenong Road just beyond Howards Road. The next few weeks will see the destruction of the trees in the path of their Freeway.



At the same time, Dingley Village residents learnt that "most of the grass at a former golf course caught in the five-year redevelopment battle has been chemically killed." The property fund giant ISPT [owned by superannuation fund Australian Super] says it is part of regular maintenance." (Moorabbin Leader, 9 October 2019)

Parks Victoria will soon hold a meeting with our own Friends' Committee, and that of the Men's Shed, about their Precinct Planning for Braeside Park – so we can both be consulted about new developments.

## Who is standing up for Biodiversity?

The State Government and its agencies, Parks Victoria and VicRoads, and big businesses like ISPT have their agenda. Do we? Do you?

Is it any wonder that Braeside Park's Eucalyptus trees are battered by Lerp insects? Many visitors are puzzled and worried by the "dying trees" throughout the Park. Lerp, jumping plant lice called Psyllids, are a common and diverse group of sap-sucking insects. Eucalyptus trees are prone to infestations of lerps and they usually recover. The Park's invasion of lerps has been expanding over the past two years: about the time of Mordialloc Freeway; Parks Victoria cutting the number of Rangers in our Park; and high-density schemes for the secretly sold Golf Course. The lerp pests are most common along the proposed Freeway's path.

It is not known precisely why the lerps have suddenly exploded. This usually happens after a succession of unusual weather conditions. Healthy, vigorously growing eucalyptus can outgrow the damage, but the attack can be a sign of trees under stress. Stress caused by wind, root damage, compacted soil, salinity, drought – all mostly caused by humans'

movements by cars, trucks etc. What our trees have endured and continue to endure, and what we endure as well, of course.

On Sunday 13 October's Friends' Spring Walk, sixteen people viewed a panorama of flowering white wedding bush, white Epacris bells, yellow senecio, hibbertia and bossiaea with a background of correas, banksia, melaleucas and acacias. Amid a bouquet of dianellas

and a grass tree, an echidna enjoyed an afternoon siesta. This is what our Park is about!

## Who is standing up for Biodiversity?

What is our Group's plan? Will we continue to be a polite community group, ticked off in consultation processes? We could listen to the State Government and big business lie about how they care about biodiversity, and our views. Then, they systematically destroy habitats and then plant a token few banksias beside the concrete. "How good is Australia!"

**Judith Sise,**

*President Friends of Braeside Park*



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# OUR COUNCIL

## KINGSTON CALLS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF GOLF COURSES

Kingston Council has called on the Victorian Government not to lock-out local Councils and communities when deciding the future of golf courses

The Victorian Government has proposed new state-wide planning guidelines for golf course redevelopments, including local sites such as the former Kingswood Golf Course in Dingley Village.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said that if approved, the new guidelines could remove Councils from the process.

“It effectively reduces Council’s role to that of a submitter – rather than a key decision maker on behalf of the local community,” Cr Oxley said.

“Kingswood has clearly shown that the local community want to have a strong voice in the future of local golf courses, with a record 7000+ community submissions received on a proposed residential development for the site that was refused by Council.”

There are currently 11 golf courses in Kingston which, while largely privately owned, provide the local community with valuable open space, recreational areas and environmental benefits.

In 2015 Kingston Council adopted a Golf Course Policy which acknowledges the benefits that golf courses provide and sought to ensure that if a club was economically unviable that the land would be retained primarily for open space.

Council has made a submission to the Victorian Government calling for changes to the proposed new planning guidelines that will direct the future of golf courses across the state including:

- Putting more focus on encouraging and supporting existing golf clubs to remain financially viable and open

- Ensuring any redevelopment of golf courses have clear ‘net community benefit’ such as open space and environmental benefits

“Kingston Council does not believe that golf courses should be seen as an answer to accommodate population growth as it would put increasing pressure on community infrastructure, active and passive open space, affordable housing and the environment.”

## KINGSTON GARDENS GOING GREEN FOR NATIVE WILDLIFE

Kingston backyards will become havens for native animals thanks to a new Gardens for Wildlife program approved by Council.

The project will provide homeowners with an assessment of their garden and practical tips to attract native birds, animals and insects.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said the Gardens for Wildlife program had been introduced following community calls to support the program which already runs in a number of other municipalities.

“Gardens for Wildlife is a great way for Council and the community to work together to provide much-needed habitat for our native animals,” Cr Oxley said.

“Residents provide the garden and Council will offer an expert assessment and advice to get you on your way.”

“With Council working to increase vegetation in parklands and residents adding to their backyards we can increase the amount of habitat in our neighbourhoods and attract native wildlife.”

Council will appoint a part-time officer to run the program and support local residents looking to create a wildlife-friendly garden.

This year, Council also introduced a free tree voucher sent to all ratepayers to encourage more planting of native trees

in our community to help green our city with over 1500 trees handed out so far.”

## KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE VEGETATION UPDATE

**Statement from City of Kingston Planning and Development General Manager Jonathan Guttmann:**

Australian Super and ISPT, the owners of the former Kingswood Golf Course site, contacted Kingston Council Officers, seeking permission to remove or prune 75 trees on the site. The site presently contains approximately 1,500 trees and Council Officers have made it very clear that the vegetation on the site requires protection and that appropriate approvals are sought prior to any removal.

An inspection and arborist audit were undertaken to assess the health of each tree, with sadly some found to be in poor health and showing evidence of root/branch rot. These inspections were audited by Council’s arborist.

As a result, a permit was granted by Council Officers to remove 36 trees, which require a Local Law permit to be removed. A further 8 protected trees were also approved for pruning. A condition of the permit includes 1 for 1 replacement planting of indigenous canopy trees which is the type of condition Council imposes on private property owners seeking approval to remove trees.

Prior to the works commencing Council understands that the land owners sent an information bulletin letter-drop to immediately adjacent residents.

The Mayor and Councillors have requested that in future, they are to be made aware of any applications for tree removal on the Kingswood site.

The remaining 31 trees were assessed as ‘native vegetation’, which requires a planning permit for removal under Clause 52.17 of the Kingston Planning Scheme.

The owners have last week lodged a planning application for permission to remove/lop 11 of these trees and to lop overhanging branches from 3 other trees.

This application has been ‘called in’ by Cr Staikos for Councillor decision. This planning application is now being assessed by Council and will be advertised for community consultation once all required information is submitted.

Council officers have also visited the site late last week and formally sought an explanation from the land owner’s representative regarding the ‘browning off’ of significant parts of the site.

We will also be flagging the need for owners to manage any dust on the site, so that it does not negatively impact on surrounding properties.



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# DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## SAVE THE TREES ON KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE & PROTECT KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE VEGETATION

### NO LARGE-SCALE TREE REMOVAL AND VEGETATION POISONING

#### WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Australian Super and ISPT applied to remove or prune a total of 75 trees in Kingswood Golf Course, with a permit to remove 36 trees of these trees and the pruning of a further 8 trees having been granted by Council. In addition large areas of the Kingswood Golf Course grass and rough (beneath the trees) were poisoned "browned off" during September. As the rough dies, in addition to the removal of the fairways, bare earth/sand will be exposed to winds and once again Dingley Village will suffer excess dust.

*This was carried out without any consultation with the local community or Kingswood golf-course neighbours.*

**DVCA does not support large-scale tree removal on Kingswood and the subsequent disposal of the trees as mulch to the community.**

**DVCA does not approve the poisoning of large areas of golf course grass and the resultant devastating impact to the environment from this wholesale destruction of the golf course.**

Herbicide poisoning using products such as Roundup, containing Glyphosate

is now banned in many countries and are a threat to our waterways and a possible cause of cancer.

Large-scale tree removal and vegetation poisoning causes a major loss of wildlife habitat, impacting on the many birds and wildlife in the golf-course, such as the large flock of iconic yellow-tailed black cockatoos sighted over several weeks recently. These black cockatoos have been in rapid decline in recent years due to native habitat clearance and resultant loss of food supply and nest sites. Loss of Kingswood habitat and clearance of older trees with nesting hollows will further hasten the decline of native birds and wildlife in Dingley Village and surrounds.

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## HOW CAN WE PROTECT KINGSWOOD TREES AND VEGETATION

The remaining 31 trees, which ISPT, as manager for the owner Australian Super, applied to destroy, were assessed as native vegetation under clause 52.17 of the Kingston Planning Scheme.

A further application to remove/lop 11 of these 31 "native vegetation" trees has now been 'called in' by Cr Staikos, which means this application will be examined by Councillors, advertised and comments invited from residents prior to any permit decision being made by Council.

**So, let's Save the Trees on Kingswood Golf Course** - please make sure **YOU HAVE YOUR SAY** when Council advertises this application for tree removal. Kingswood is not only the lungs, but is also central to the survival of the wildlife in and around Dingley Village.

For further information visit: <https://www.aaa1.biz/d/3.html> <https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Media/Kingswood-tree-removal-statement>

## STRANGE SERVANT CAFE DINGLEY VILLAGE - SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Well Done to Strange Servant, one of our excellent cafe restaurants, for making a very generous donation of meals to the community.



*Sam Elmazi, Strange Servant and  
Cr Steve Staikos*

Organised through Make A Difference Dingley Village, Strange Servant is assisting those in need with the provision of weekly meal vouchers for up to fifty frozen take-away meals from the Strange Servant kitchen.

A great demonstration of community spirit by a local business generously donating to those who are less well off. Please support Sam and his team with your patronage and recommendation to family and friends - thankyou Strange Servant, Dingley Village

Sam Elmazi, Strange Servant and Cr Steve Staikos

### Facebook

The DVCA is now on Facebook and you can find us at; <https://www.facebook.com>

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### DVCA

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

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# FARMERS' MARKET



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All produce is sold direct to you by the farmer or producer, ensuring you get access to fresh produce as well as the opportunity to talk to the farmer/producer about their produce. Whilst many items are seasonal, this ensures you are buying fresh quality products



## Gnocchi anyone?

No matter what you like to do with your spuds, the lovely @spud-sisters official team will help you find the perfect spud match! Blue Moon spuds were the perfect gnocchi spud, then top with parmesan from Blue Bay Cheese

We also have treats for our canine friends so grab your fur baby and join us at the market. Chantelle from @holylrinity-biscuits has been baking up a storm so your fur kids will have something to enjoy at the market too!



Activities for children at the market include Jenga and chalk art, plus starting in November we will have a new stall where you can purchase Sand Art kits.

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Don't forget that parking is free onsite at the market. Dingley Village Men's Shed members will assist you with parking and you will not have far to carry your purchases back to your car.

**DINGLEY VILLAGE  
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# WRITERS POST

*Another short story, this time from Warren a member of the Writers group that meets at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, every Tuesday at 10am.  
New members most welcome, just come along.*

## GRAVE BUSINESS

Claire was ill and wanted to see some of her old friends before she passed. A small group had accepted the invitation to join her at her old cottage in Port Fairy, for a weekend of reminiscence and wine. She hadn't seen some for over forty years. They had all arrived by nightfall on the Friday.

James, a former Senior Detective with Victoria Police, had lived with Claire for several years in the eighties. He had aged terribly, was severely serious and frail. Now withered, Mary looked older much than her 78 years. Claire found it difficult to compare her with the spritely Librarian that she had known. Athol, her final guest, showed his age of 80 years but as a past servant of the stage, was as vibrant and entertaining as ever.

The group accepted Claire's invitation to join her for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles in the lounge and duly assembled for a short period of awkwardness. Sorting through some local cheese and her favourite pinot noir helped the mood, as did the rosy glow and the warmth of the log fire in the small room.

The dinner that Claire had prepared was an enjoyable and light-hearted feast. Fresh local meats and vegetarian dishes were washed down with regional whites and reds. Red blooded cheesecake and deathly pale ice cream followed. They took their coffee in the now dimly lit lounge against the backdrop of a very dark night with light from a full moon creasing the floor. Candles had replaced the lamps and sandalwood incense was wafting through the room.

James noticed the subdued lighting and a small table with four chairs set in the middle of the room. The white licks of light from the fireplace served to make a more somber mood. He asked if he could turn on some lights. "No, its fine", Claire responded as the others joined them. "I have a surprise for you all. I hope that you agree to be a part."

"Of what ..." said Mary? A seance was Claire's response. Athol came in, a little more subdued than before. "I'm in, a séance, my God I love it, I went to one, a lot of fun, malarkey really, but fun."

As they sat down Claire told them she had been a clairvoyant for thirty years. She told them of her successes including catching up with her mother who had died in 1945 while giving birth to her brother. She spoke of the connection she once made with a drowned sailor from the Loch Ard, a famous shipwreck off Port Campbell in the mid 1800's. Sure you did, said James whose eyes were darting everywhere. Mary wasn't much better she had trouble staying still, up and down, swivelling to the left and right. Athol was just sitting there and smiling weakly at the moonlight in a dreamy, far off manner.

Claire explained how the Ouija board would operate, "but ... you have to believe", she said. They all agreed to try but Claire could see their faces and faith must have been down the pub that night. Claire advised that she would contact the first owner of the cottage, a Lloyd Rutledge. She told them that his spirit was seen every year at this time, December

17th, the anniversary of his funeral and burial. Lloyd had apparently fallen down the short stairs in the cottage in 1858 and broken his neck. In a botched funeral the horses bolted and his body fell from the coffin into a prepared grave. He never rested.

Claire expertly worked the Ouija board. She fed the questions and the glass moved slowly in response, letter by letter, answering. At one stage Athol stood up to look under the board while Mary just looked straight ahead, James was in a trance and looked miles away. Claire made Lloyd spell out that he was in the room, unhappy and wanted peace. At the end of the seance they all agreed that it had been a great experience but Claire could tell no-one believed. Privately, she agreed, it was all a little play of her own making and she was proud of how she had been able to manipulate the glass.

It was all very interesting, a good night. Little did they know that she had added a small amount of LSD to their meals, but the effects were very different, James did seem more interested in what he said, were black cats running up and down the curtains, than imagining a ghost in the room, Mary just got sleepier while Athol became so relaxed he started to recite lines of King Duncan from Shakespeare's Hamlet.

She felt a bit bad but hey they hadn't cared for her for all these years. She only had a little time left and she would take this memory to her grave. They bid each other a good night. After Claire cleaned up she sought the stairs and rest.

While undressing Claire heard what she thought was the standard scuttle behind her of an old friend, Wally the Possum and paused to listen then stilled. The creaking sound from the door behind indicated that it wasn't Wally at all.

Claire froze in the moment. In a cold sweat, heart thumping, she slowly turned. It wasn't Wally.

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The Le Bon family have been pioneers in Dingley Village for many years and their market garden mini museum a delight to visit.

Fred and Marie have been members of the Historical Society for many years and we thank them for their support

Fred recently passed away and the family have donated ploughs, which we hope to display.

The family recently visited the Society and donated a painting of draught horses and dray, by Victorian Peter Gasson in honour of Fred. Peter Gasson is renowned for his paintings celebrating the pioneering era of Australian rural life, and the working horses that helped to create it.

Fred worked with his father Frank on the family market garden in Old Dandenong Road until Frank's death in 1970. The Society has a video "A visit



to Fred's farm" made in 1985 when pupils from Kingswood Primary School visited the market garden.

The society would like to thank the Le Bon family for their generosity to us.

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1 in 5 Australians have experienced identity theft. It takes time, energy and emotion to recover from the damage caused. \* Symantec 2018, 'Norton Lifelock Cyber Safety Insights Report: Australian Results'

We all have a role to play in keeping ourselves, our families, businesses and communities safe from cybercrime. If we are going to fight back, we need to work together.

There are some simple steps you can take to protect yourself from cybercriminals who want to steal your identity, setup accounts in your name, impersonate you online, or use your credit card to buy things.

### TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR ONLINE IDENTITY WITH SOME SIMPLE AND EASY STEPS:

**1. Setting your social media to private**  
Cybercriminals can piece together info from your social media and all over the internet to steal your identity. Check the privacy settings on your devices, apps and social media so that you're only sharing information with people you know.

### 2. Using a different password for each of your important online accounts

Passwords are the first line of defence against cybercriminals. If you're using the same password on multiple accounts, by guessing one of your passwords a cybercriminal could access all your accounts. Never share your passwords with others. Let's get better at password security.

### 3. Never provide your details via a link in a message

Scam messages are one of the most common ways cybercriminals try to steal your information online. So never enter your details in a link from an email. The bank will only ever communicate with you via secure email through internet banking. You can communicate with us via email, through your internet banking. Log into your internet banking and go to support under the more icon. Here, you can send us a secure email or just call us at the branch.

Dingley Village Community Bank is committed to ensuring that our customers and their best interest are at the centre of everything we do. Because if our customers are happy, then we know we're on the right track in taking care of your interests.

On another note, with the Australian official cash rate now down to 0.75% as of October, what's does this mean for new customers at Bendigo Bank Dingley Village.

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# DOLLARS & SENSE



## 10 TIPS TO PREPARE FOR RETIREMENT

Looking forward to an enjoyable retirement? Check out our top 10 tips to make sure you're on track.

### Tip 1: Take stock

How do you want to live in retirement? How much will it cost? Do the numbers. Now, what does your super balance look like? Do the figures meet your expectations? If not, what action do you need to take now?

### Tip 2: Plan for the rest of your life

Most people are retired longer than they expect. While your health and family longevity will influence your life span, if you've survived life's early risks, such as accidents or illnesses, you could easily live into your nineties or older. Plan for the long term, and don't forget that you may need extra assistance or care as you get older.

### Tip 3: Review your investments

For your savings to last the rest of your life, you need to invest for the long term. And that means getting the investment mix right with a balance of income and capital growth. Diversifying your investments across cash, fixed interest, shares and property can help to reduce risk and

achieve smoother, more consistent returns over time.

### Tip 4: Stick to your plan

Investments can quickly change in value. While it can be tempting to sell everything when the market falls and put all your money in cash, that can be a bad decision. It's important to remain focused on the long term as markets can recover if given enough time.

### Tip 5: Get the structure right

By changing the way you own investments and receive income, you may be able to reduce the amount of tax you pay while also increasing your Centrelink or DVA benefits. Even if you aren't eligible for an age pension, you may be entitled to discounts and other benefits, which can save money over time.

### Tip 6: Get your affairs in order

Estate planning allows you to pass on the right assets to the right people at the right time. The first step is putting a Will in place, but you should also speak with your solicitor about an Enduring Power of Attorney and medical care directive. These can help your family fulfil your wishes if you're not able to make decisions yourself.

And remember to review your estate plan at least every three years.

### Tip 7: Stay fit and healthy

If you stay mentally and physically active, you're more likely to enjoy a long and healthy life. Take up a hobby, learn a new skill, work part-time or volunteer in your community

### Tip 8: Re-think the move

Some retirees have moved away from friends and family to their dream location only to realise it wasn't what they hoped for. If the coast or bush is beckoning, try living there on a temporary basis first. It will give you time to work out if it's the right move.

### Tip 9: Think about the "what ifs"

The last thing you need in retirement is for your finances to be affected if something unexpected happens to you. Review your personal insurance needs to make sure you are adequately protected. Don't forget health and travel insurance cover, especially if you plan to join the grey nomads.

### Tip 10: Get help

Making financial decisions can be complex. Getting the right advice early enough can make a big difference to your retirement. Ashfords Wealth Advisors can assist you!

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## INTRODUCING DR RICHARD PRYOR

The natural evolution of life has struck at Dingley Eye Centre. As many of you may have seen over the past few months, our lovely optometrist, Dr Hashini Seneviratne has been transforming before our eyes. And we are excited to announce, that she has given birth to a wonderful and healthy baby boy. As she is on leave, caring for the latest addition to the family, we are proud to introduce you to our latest Dingley Eye Centre family member, Dr Richard Pryor. He is a wonderfully articulate and genuinely caring optometrist who takes great pride in spending time with and getting to know his patients. This is a little excerpt about how his passion for optometry first began and his journey along the way:

“My interest in optometry began at the age of eight. On the advice of my grade 3 teacher, who noticed I would squint persistently in class, and so, I went to have my first eyesight test. The click of phoropter dials turning, 3D stereograms, hidden numbers in coloured plates as well as untold gizmos enthralled me. I found the reason I would copy from my classmates rather than the blackboard was because of a type of refractive error called myopia or short-sightedness.

Receiving my first pair of spectacles was a defining moment in my life; I knew that one day I would be the one playing with those gadgets. By the age of twelve, I had found glasses impractical for certain activities in addition to negatively affecting my self-esteem. Soft disposable contact lenses provided me with opportunities that were previously beyond my reach. To this day, I choose contact lenses as my preferred method of visual correction for myself and encourage patients to consider the benefits where relevant. I am passionate about trying to help others continue to maintain their current lifestyle, all while improving their eyesight.

My interest in mathematics, science and human physiology was inspired by my mother and father who worked as a nurse and engineer. Whilst I considered other professional options throughout school, optometry remained the most attractive one. I went on to complete a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at Monash University, taking some time off to travel and work before commencing the Doctor of Optometry program at The University of Melbourne. I cut my teeth practising regionally in Ballarat where I gained great experience manag-

ing a broad range of ocular diseases and seeing children, the elderly and everyone else in between.

In order to pursue my interest in children's vision and specialty contact lenses and continuing to serve the broader community, I am thrilled to be a part of the team at Dingley Eye Centre and look forward to meeting you soon.”

At Dingley Eye Centre, 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 how Richard can help you look after your eyes.

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# LOOKING AT LOANS



## INTEREST RATES CONTINUE MOVING DOWN

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Interest rates are continuing a downward trend across the world, prompting many different debates and opinions. One headline issue is the debate surrounding our major banks decreasing their home loan rates by significantly less than the Reserve Bank decrease.

As always in these things the politicians have their own interests at heart in the headlines they generate. There is some validity in the complaints about that bank behaviour, however the fact is banks have multiple sources of funding from which home loans are sourced, and a decrease in the cash rate of 0.25% does not mean their costs reduce by the same amount. So, it is not realistic to expect the full decrease in the cash rate to be passed on.

Having said that different lenders have different cost bases. That means

some 'non-major' bank lenders have a massive cost advantage in this environment and therefore have an ability to offer you significantly lower rates. This is also leading to a dramatic increase in the number of lenders in the marketplace.

"AAAHH! It is all too hard!!" you may say. But then you remember, this is all about financing your future.

The act of purchasing a property, requiring the production of significant personal information, coupled with the commitment of large sums of money, can be stressful.

For those already with an established loan: Moving from thinking about a refinance to actually doing it can be a seemingly insurmountable hurdle.

And now, with this wide variety of new lenders entering the marketplace, confidently choosing a lender you are comfortable with can feel downright overwhelming.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to help you make the right choice and

reduce your risk of misfortune. Utilise your broker! Within the Integrity Finance Australia finance broking business we are currently experiencing significant growth in clientele as the broker industry has moved to mainstream acceptance in the community.

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## ESTATE PLANNING AND WILLS – LOAN OR GIFT TO FAMILY

The question of whether a person gifts or loans to a family member (or friend) during their lifetime and how to deal with this in their will is often a pertinent question for estate planning purposes.

This article deals with the limited issue of gifts/loans. There are numerous other estate planning issues such as testamentary trusts, the form and other provisions in a person's will, testator family maintenance claims (disputing a will) etc. These matters are beyond the scope of this article but they do show that wills and estate planning ought not to be taken lightly or undertaken by people not suitably qualified in this regard.

### Gift

At a high level an unconditional gift is final disposition of property meaning that gift is carved out from the gift giver's estate and the gift giver not being able to demand its return.

Any unconditional gift must also be considered from the gift recipient's perspective especially as a gift will generally enlarge the recipient's assets and, therefore, may impact on family law, Centerlink and other purposes.

### Loan

Conversely, a loan is not a final disposition of the property (generally money) and the giver/lender generally can recover the loan. Further, the lender can set the terms and conditions of the loan such as when it is to be repaid, whether interest will be payable.

For estate planning purposes of both the lender and borrower, a properly structured and documented loan can assist in managing family law, bankruptcy and taxation issues. However, where interest is charged on a loan, this may complicate issues for the lender as it will mean the lender will be creating a likely taxable income stream from the loan.

### Documentation

For both loan and gifts, the crucial element is that they be documented appropriately. Often people feel that documentation is not appropriate or required for family member or friends.

On the contrary, documentation is vital especially if one puts aside the emotional element of the loan or gift and

considers documentation from the wider perspective of assisting with third parties such as State/Federal authorities, creditors and the person's estate generally.

The form and substance of any documentation should be according to the context of the loan/gift meaning it may be informal, a simple agreement or a more formal a deed.

### Pre-existing gifts and loans in a will

Pre-existing gifts and loans can and should be dealt with in a person's will.

With gifts, it may be noted or acknowledged in the will. The will maker may also consider making adjustment in the will in other beneficiaries' favour (who have not received the gift), taking into account inflationary impact on the value of the gift, noting that assistance has been provided to a person or generally giving the executors of the estate discretion to take into account the gift.

A pre-existing loan should be recorded in the will. The will should deal with whether or not the loan is to be partially or fully forgiven at the will maker's death, whether it should be repaid immediately especially where it has been given on a "on demand" basis, whether to extend the repayment time after the will maker's death.

### Professional help

As highlighted above, there are various legal, practical and commercial issues to consider when planning one's estate and will. Please feel free to contact us if you require any assistance or just wish to talk through the issues.

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A move into the Southern Football League in 2007 revitalised the club and its management reached out to better involve the local community.

Within two years in SFL Second Division and under the guidance of an inspirational senior playing coach, the club achieved its aim of winning its second senior premiership. It took the club several more years to consolidate its place in Division One of the competition.

Coach Adam Quinn had led the club from a dark place into the sunshine. And our aim was to achieve continued growth and improvement at all levels.

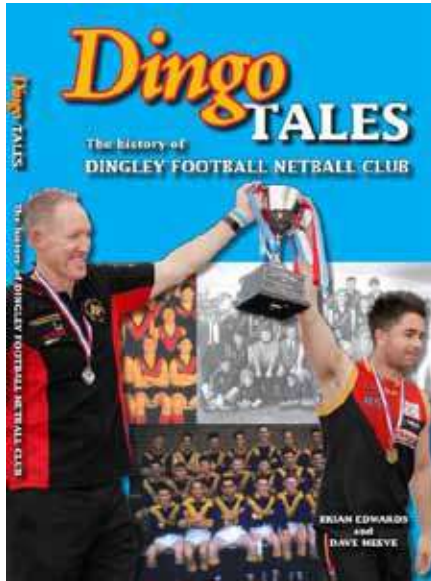
In 2011, the club was able to persuade former Collingwood AFL Premiership star. Shane Morwood to take on the senior coaching role. Shane is a local Dingley man who had been coaching at the club at junior level.

In the subsequent nine seasons, he has coached the club to an amazing record of success.

Eight consecutive finals campaigns since 2012 include four premierships from the last five years, is a record which is the envy of rival clubs.

The club's continued success, however, is no accident, nor stroke of luck or the work of one individual, but is a product of the commitment to hard work by all involved, be they committee, coaches, players, trainers, loyal sponsors, members or volunteers.

Dingley Football Netball Club includes an amazing Netball arm, Auskick



kids by the hundreds, a strong Junior body, who continually feed players into senior football and several Superules sides whose numbers include many former club stars.

It truly is a modern representation of the Dingley community in the twenty first century and it will enter its sixty second year in 2020 as the benchmark Football Netball Club in Melbourne's south.

The complete history of the DFNC, which emanated from a small group of market gardeners, fruit and flower growers and 1950's football 'nuts' who dreamed of a footy side to represent their district, is retold in the club's official history book entitled 'Dingo Tales', which is available by contacting its authors, David Meeve on 0448767808 or Brian Edwards on 0412545443.

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# CIRCLING THE CLUBS



## DINGLEY 60 PLUS SOCIAL GROUP

October has seen our members enjoying dinner, live music and dancing at our local Night Clubs. Our Saturday night dinner dates were at Dingley – Thai and a second one in a Chinese restaurant plus Chelsea Heights – Thai. We had a Sunday Brunch at Kingston Plaza and a Saturday night Mad Hatter’s tea party at Dingley. Also our members have been enjoying Thursday afternoon concerts at Parkdale and other seniors’ month activities.

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 now meet from 7.30 pm at the Dingley International Hotel (DIH) in the Sports Bar.

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.

Our highlights for November are likely to be two evenings of live plays and entertainment at Parkdale and Beaumaris.

We have recently had a few new members who have been procrastinating for a fair amount of time about whether or not they should come along and check out our programmes and people. It is pleasing

to report they appear to be settling quite well and could be in for the long haul.

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 0410 625 731.

The warmer weather is approaching and there will never be an earlier time to join our scene in 2019.

## COUNTRY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION DINGLEY VILLAGE



The members start off another year with Carmel as the President. Cathy is the Vice President, Diana is the Secretary, Margaret is the Treasurer, and Jan will keep us up to date with the different news from

Women’s Organisations around the world, as International Officer. Sandra is the Almoner for CWA Dingley. Irene Cathy and Jan will keep our fingers busy with craftwork, and Ruth will pass on the activities each month through the Club News in the Dossier. These positions were ratified at our CWA October meeting.

Our trip on the 30th of October to Beleura House in Mornington was very enjoyable. At the October meeting Show and Tell, our eldest member Kath showed us the Three Wise Monkeys. They were given to her by her aunt when she was twelve years old, and Faye showed a Penguin jumper she has knitted. Show & Tell

is looked forward to each month when we see what treasures the members have hidden away, along with the memories that are shared

Once again the National Aviation Museum at Moorabbin Airport have asked CWA Dingley to knit poppies for Anzac Day 2020. If any of our friends in Dingley would like to contribute poppies, they can be left at the DVNC in Marcus Road for us to collect when we have our meeting each month. We look forward to helping you all start off your Christmas shopping on Friday 29th of November at Dingley Village Woolworths store. The table will be covered with plenty of Christmas goodies.

Dingley Village CWA Branch’s 40th Birthday is in May 2020, our Ruby Anniversary. My suggestion is we all celebrate dressed as the “Ladies in Red.” I will ask that it be put that on the agenda at the next meeting. Craft Day is Wednesday the 13th November at 10am at Irene’s, and our monthly meeting is Wednesday the 27th November at 10am at the DVNC 318 Marcus Road Dingley Village. President Carmel at 9796 2897, or Secretary Diana at 9580 61509 will pass on any information you require about CWA Dingley Village branch.

## PROBUS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE INC.



Our October 3rd general meeting began with the cutting of our 32nd birthday cake. Well known comedian Don Jones then provided the entertainment, with a mixture of comedy magic, observational comedy with classic one – liners, stories and songs. This was very well received by the large number of members in at-



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tendance. An excellent spit roast and dessert followed to conclude the birthday celebrations.

At the November meeting we again welcome the "Gadget Lady", for another visit. Many members will recall the fascinating range of articles presented a couple of years ago, and we look forward to seeing her again.

Recently 22 of our members spent seven days in Mildura and Broken Hill, then returning via Horsham to inspect the Silo Art. We look forward to hearing about the trip when we next meet

Other activities in November will include the performance of "From Figaro to Phantom" at the Frankston Arts Centre on the 8th, coffee morning at The Nest on the 12th, movie lunch at the Waverley Cinema on the 14th, and Morning Melodies at the Waltzing Matilda featuring "Legend and Love Songs" with Gavin Chatelier on the 29th.

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 Vi on 9551 1076 or Secretary Davina on 9551 1217.

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As well as shopping bags, our talented hands also create mesh produce bags, library bags and small toddler size carry bags – some of these items are charged at a small fee to assist with the operating costs of the group.

The group meets each Thursday morning at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 9:30-12pm and the 4th Sunday of the month 2-5pm. If you have clean sheets or fabrics you would like to donate then please contact Debbie 0411 058 804 or Helen 0425 862 718.



## DINGLEY VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INCORPORATED

We are looking forward to more spring days – hooray! Our President Lyn enjoyed her special birthday celebrations as did her twin brother, Dennis. On a sad note, we lost our lovely member, Hilary, who passed away last month as a result of illness. We extend our sincere condolences to his family.

Our Trade Table and Bingo afternoon had to be cancelled during October because of a gas leak at the Neighbourhood Centre. Another Trade Table will be organised soon!

### For the month of November the following activities have been arranged (of a Monday):

- 4th Committee Meeting followed by cards, Rummikub and afternoon tea;
- 11th Bingo (eyes down at 1:00 p.m.);
- 18th Cards, games, etc.; and
- 25th Bingo (again, eyes down at 1:00 p.m.).

Please note that for Wednesday the 4th of December, our Xmas get-together luncheon will be at the "Sandown Dogs" (Dawson's) bistro. Bookings are essential for this function.

Our Club Xmas break-up luncheon will be held on Monday the 9th of December, for which bookings are also necessary.

You would be most welcome to drop in and see what our friendly group "...is all about..." 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 DINGLEY CENTRAL

27 members and friends travelled to Horsham, on the 1st day of their Silo Art Sunsets & River Ports Tour. Some of the highlights were the impressive Silo Art Trail, Murtoa Stick Shed Tour of the historic ports of Mildura and Wentworth, and at Sea Lake the Sky Mirror Gallery, showcasing the images of Lake Tyrrell's ever changing colour. At the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement, we witnessed the spectacular laser and lights show. And then on to Boort where we met the very humble and talented John Piccoli. Working from his wheelchair, he creates brilliant sculptures, all made from spanners, and set in his beautiful country garden.

At our October meeting, Dave a retired fire fighter, presented a Senior

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Activities for November are, General Meeting the 4th, Happy Hour the 7th, FAC the 8th, Morning Coffee the 11th, and on the 14th Camera Club, followed by Legs on the 15th, Dine Out Dinner on the 20th, Men's Lunch the 21st, MTC the 22nd, Craft the 25th, Games Day the 28th, and on the 29th Morning Melodies.

The Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month, at "The Salvation Army Kingston City" 12-16 Garden Boulevard Dingley Village.

New members are always welcome, and for further information, please contact Ruth on 9587 0432



### LIONS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE

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New members welcome, drop in to the Shed on Friday mornings to find out more about us.

### DINGLEY CHELTENHAM VIEW CLUB



#### (VOICE INTERESTS EDUCATION OF WOMEN)

We meet 2nd Tuesday of the month at Keysborough Golf Course, Hutton Rd Keysborough.

Women of all ages welcome to join us. For further information contact

Fran Thomas 0419 309 931 or fran-niet@gmail.com

### CHELTENHAM LIFE ACTIVITIES CLUB

Some members of the Cheltenham Life Activities Club recently enjoyed a 6 day bus trip to Canberra (see below).

In a small 20 seater bus, they travelled via Jindabyne staying overnight in Buchan. The predictable cold and wet weather even provided a snow shower, before arriving a Queanbeyan - their

base in the national capital, for the next 3 days. They managed to pack in an incredible amount of activities, which included visits to the National War Memorial, International Embassy circuit, New Parliament House, even catching a question on "aged care" from Albanese to Morrison, before moving on to the old Parliament House. Their stay also incorporated a tour of the National Art Gallery (think Blue Poles), the Changi Chapel at Duntroon Military College and the Canberra Museum.

On the way home, our LAC members stopped off at the massive Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric scheme, had lunch at Thredbo and some even took the chairlift, high above skiers, to the Eagles Nest at 1930 meters. After lunch they continuing along the Alpine Way to Khancoban, for the last stop. The trip home included stops at Corryong, Lake Hume and lunch at Beechworth.

Upcoming events include our Charity Day fundraiser at Follett Road and another mystery bus trip in November.

Of course, our regular weekly activities like cards, crafts, tai chi, Table Tennis, Badminton and the Walking group, continue to be well attended.

We always extend as warm welcome to new members, simply contact Betty Fraser on 9583 6345.

### ROTARY CLUB DINGLEY VILLAGE



The Rotary Club Dingley Village, meets Thursday 6.30pm for 6.45pm star: Dinner meeting (First three Thursdays of the month) Mentone RSL, 9 Palermo St, Mentone. General enquiries 0477 682 576





# CHURCHES & CHALLENGES



## VILLAGE CHURCH DINGLEY

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### Our Church program for NOVEMBER is as follows:

#### SUNDAYS

10.00 a.m. Worship Service at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31 Marcus Road, Dingley Village.  
 \*Kids Church in the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre - 10.30am to 12 noon, children from birth to Grade 6. All welcome.

#### Monthly Ladies And Mens Groups:

\* Homemakers – 1st Monday of each month, 7.45pm Dingley, 4th November  
 “Sisters in Christ” Ladies Group – 7-9pm. Fellowship and sharing. Thursday 7th November, 7 Fiveways Boulevard.

Men’s Group – 7-9pm. Fellowship, teaching and sharing. Tuesday 12th November, 7 Fiveways Boulevard.

#### Life Groups:

\*Wednesday nights – Fortnightly 7-8.30pm, Dingley. 6th and 20th November.  
 Sunday nights – 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 7-8.30pm. Keysborough. 3rd and 17th November.

#### Prayer Time:

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am at church office. Tea/coffee afterwards.  
 Monthly – Saturday 16th November; 7-8am and 9-10am at church office.

#### Bible Study:

\*Women’s –Precept Ministries study on Philippians. Fortnightly at the church office 10-11.30am. Thursday 7th and 21st November.  
 \*Open – Thursday 7th and 21st November on the Gospel of Luke. Fortnightly at church office 2pm.  
 \*Not held during school holidays.

## Marriage & Family Support:

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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.

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education system and health services. The Turkish government should be commended for the way they have allowed so many refugees to find refuge within their borders.

KCC has been supporting local churches in providing education programs, water bores and feeding programs for refugees. The need is massive and any bit of help can give comfort and encouragement to families as they care for their children and try to make a life for themselves. Some of the refugees have transitioned to countries like Australia and others will not be able to and face an uncertain future. We will do what we can to help through the people we know on the ground there.

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"Seriously: Can a scientist believe in God?" Sunday 10 Nov 3-5pm. A Faith-Science conversation with a panel of three Melbourne scientists and Q & A. Refreshments provided. All welcome. Gold coin donation.

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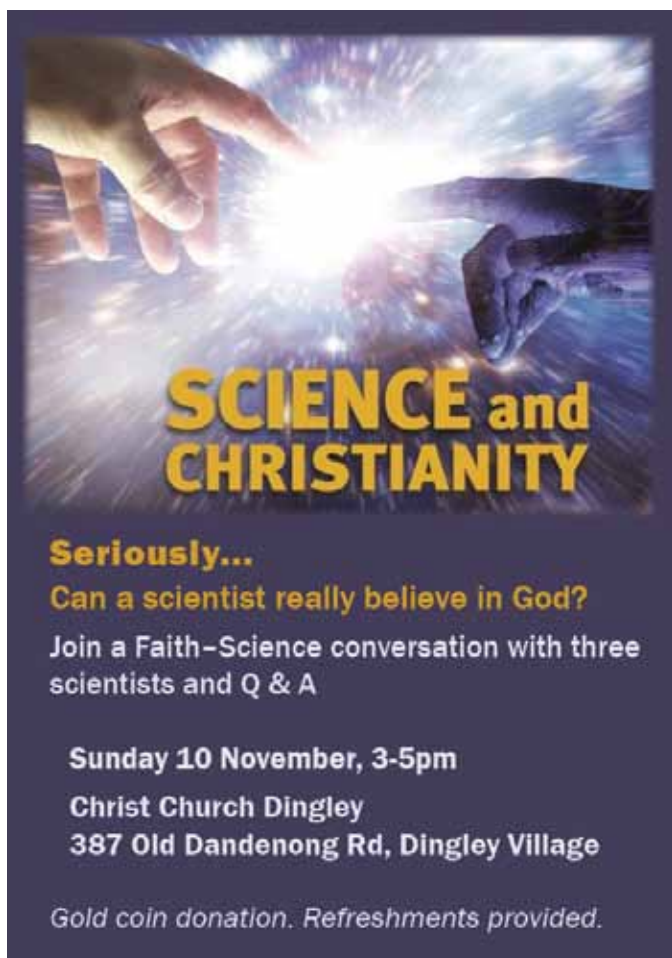
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# SCANNING THE SCHOOLS



## DINGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The year is just flying by at Dingley Primary School. In the coming days the 2020 Prep students will begin their transition program, hard to believe that our current Preppies were this little just one year ago. Comparing the photos of the students at the beginning of the year with their appearance now is stunning in itself, but when we look at all they have learned and what they are now capable of the committed and dedicated efforts of our teaching staff become all the more apparent.

Term 3 was certainly a busy term, as always with many highlights including: the athletic carnival, RACV tryouts and subsequent training sessions, Year 4 excursion to Banyule Rethink Centre, Year 2 sleepover, the BBCs Laugh and Learn incursion, the Preps' 100 Days of School celebration, the Ski Camp, Year 5 Train Safety workshop and excursion to the Arts Centre, the Years 5 & 6 Basketball Gala Day, the Big Dreams production, our Father's Day stall and breakfast, Japanese Day, Story Dogs Day, incursions and excursions for each year level and of course our whole school production of Madagascar.

We kicked off Term 4 with Prep-Year 4 swimming, a program that runs for 8 days over two weeks and provides all

## KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Kingswood community has a lot of exciting events to look forward to in Term 4.



The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive at School on the 21st October. The theme this year is DINO-MITE Book Fair, STOMP CHOMP and READ. This year's selection includes engaging and afford-

able books for every child's reading level. We look forward to seeing everyone visit our Book Fair as all purchases directly benefit our school.

In November, we welcome our new 2020 Prep Students for their transition to school program. Students will participate in 4 transition sessions and get to experience a whole day at school during the whole school transition day. They will get to meet their Year 6 buddy for next year as well as their new class mates. They will also be introduced to their teacher who will help them begin their education journey. Parents are invited to attend information sessions while the children are attending the transition sessions. There is also a Prep Information Night, which will be held on Tuesday 26th November.

We have begun planning our junior school concert, 'Let's Groove,' which will take place in December. Students will perform different genres of music with their class over two night time performances.

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students with the opportunity to either learn to swim or develop their swimming ability. Our new playscape is proving extremely popular with the students, and the Dingley Men's Shed has kindly made us some oversized dice to be used with the outdoor games layouts. This term will see the transition and Up Days taking place for all students, current and prospective. We take preparing the students for their coming year very seriously at Dingley Primary. Time is spent developing programs that will give the best introduction to the coming year for the students, programs that are then built on when the students move to that year level, allowing for a connection and continuity that ensure they feel a sense of belonging. Teachers spend time with each student, getting to know them on a personal level. When combined with the thorough academic hand-over from previous teachers both students and teachers feel connected, safe to take risks with their learning and most importantly, engaged.

**ST MARK'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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4th September 2019

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performance. A good 1st place by the Under 10 Boys and a 3rd place for the Under 9/10, 11 and 12 Girls gave us the necessary points to have a good hold of 2nd position in the end.



**Ride2School Day - Monday 16th September 2019**

On Monday 16th September the school had a special visit from State Minister for Sport and Events, Martin Pakula to launch the Ride2School program. St Mark's as one of only a few Platinum Ride2School schools was selected to relaunch the program as one of the leading schools in promoting active travel to and from school.



**School Concert**

The last week of Term 3 was very exciting for the students as they showcased their circus skills which they have been practising over the term at the concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Being part of a performance takes the experience to another level and the excitement of performing on stage in front of their families is a special moment.



**Footy Day**

On the final day of Term 3 the whole school participated in a variety of football activities. It was a wonderful day and all the children looked fantastic in their favourite football team colours.

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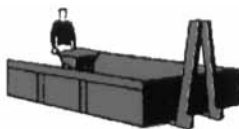
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