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DINGLEY VILLAGE LIBRARY & HALL REDEVELOPMENT WORKS

Residents can start to see the scope and layout of our new library and hall now that the structural works have been completed. The project is on schedule with Council looking to re-open the library mid January 2020.

Council Officers' and Neighbourhood Centre staff recently did a walk-through of the building and were excited about the new facilities. The new decking links it to the outdoors with the surrounding trees providing shade and backdrop. The Library space has been extended and will flow into a large open space where residents can sit, whilst using Wi-Fi hotspot, recharge devices and have refreshments. Large doors open up onto the deck creating an indoor outdoor space for community events.

More information about opening dates and services that will be operating from the facility, will be provided in future editions of the Dingley Dossier



From top right clockwise: Overall view; Outdoor reading area; Foyer and rear deck looking through to Marcus Road; Interior; New Library entrance; New purpose built Art Room.



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COMMUNITY

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FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

The federal Environment Minister, Susan Ley, has approved the Mordialloc Freeway.

This will have a direct impact on Braeside Park, and the lives of everyone in Dingley Village. The River Red Gums on the Mordialloc Freeway easement provided the Bunnarong people with canoes and tools. They then delivered timber for European farmers' fences. They survived the draining of the once large Carrum Swamp, and the sewerage farm with which we replaced it.

These old gums offered nesting holes for parrots and small bats, and listened to the marsh frogs' chorus as the land slowly revegetated. Now, their time has ended, because the Mordialloc Freeway does not need timber. Cars and busy people do not need trees, rosellas, lizards, small bats nor insects. They just want roads that will deliver them to the next by-pass.

The formal procedure of a public consultation was followed with an eye on mitigation; no business case and no alternatives cited. Freeways, or



JAZZ NIGHT

Burden Park Bowls Club on the corner of Springvale & Heatherton Roads Springvale South is holding a Jazz Night on 25th October 2019 from 6.30pm onwards, a 2 course dinner and live music cost \$35.00 each contact Russell Lawton 0433 158 421



Bypasses, clog within years, and then need more road-construction, and so on. Swelling traffic, exploding population, and high-density housing are exasperating when the benefits of open space for mental and physical well-being are now well known.

The Climate Change message is seeping through the community, especially with the early Spring bushfires in Queensland and New South Wales. Of course, that will be too late for the ancient River Red Gums and their wildlife tenants, bulldozed in the name of progress. As the VicRoads executive overseeing the initial community information session said bluntly about the loss of a quiet indigenous bushland oasis called Braeside Park, sideswiped by the Freeway, "Just get used to the noise, litter and degradation. It's the future!"

The Friends Group offers community members an opportunity to enjoy Spring Walk in the restricted Heathland area of Braeside Park on Sunday 13 October between 1 and 3 pm - meeting at the Visitors' Centre. It may be the last of the peaceful Spring Walks.

Judith Sise President of Braeside Park Friends



DINGLEY TENNIS CLUB

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Dingley Tennis Club has installed Tennis Australia's online court booking system 'Book a Court'. The online system is the new way to book courts. The system will allow both members and casual players to access the venue using their own access PIN, whenever they have a valid booking. To book a court go to <http://www.dingleytennisclub.com.au/>

SAVE THE DATE. On Saturday 26th October we are holding our annual fundraiser, Bogan Bingo. Please contact Tracey at admin@dingleytennisclub.com.au for more information.

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OUR COUNCIL

KINGSTON AND EPA JOIN FORCES TO TACKLE LOCAL POLLUTION

Kingston locals will benefit from reduced response times to pollution reports thanks to a pilot project between Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) and Kingston City Council.

The pilot sees EPA-authorized officers, known as Officers for the Protection of the Local Environment (OPLE), embedded within councils to respond to issues of noise, dust, odour and waste management arising from small to medium size businesses. The officers also equip communities and industry with the knowledge and skills to help prevent, identify and resolve environmental issues.

The pilot, which began in 2017 with 11 OPLEs across 13 council areas, will be expanded to include a further 8 OPLEs across 10 councils, including Kingston, thanks to \$3.4 million from the Victorian Government.

Recruiting is currently underway for the new OPLEs, who will hit the ground running early next year after completing their training.

City of Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley is looking forward to participating in this important pilot project. "By working closely together the EPA and Council can be more responsive to our community and quickly respond to local pollution incidents to minimise any impact on the environment," Cr Oxley said.

"This pilot project will lead to better outcomes for Kingston residents and businesses and we're proud to take part."

EPA CEO Dr Cathy Wilkinson welcomed Kingston City Council to the pilot program. "We're excited to be expanding our presence in Melbourne's south east and seeing the improvements from the first phase, including reduced response times to reports and improved industry compliance, replicated and built on in this second phase," she said.

"As well as responding to issues such as dust, noise and odour, which have the potential to greatly affect liveability, the OPLEs will also be a valuable part of EPA's increased focus on preventing and identifying illegal stockpiling and disposal of waste.

"We're committed to being closely connected with the communities we serve and empowering and encouraging them to assist us to prevent harm from pollution and waste."

The pilot is currently funded until June 2020.

KINGSTON'S FREE TREE INITIATIVE

Council is keen to expand tree planting throughout our community to improve our environment and help reduce the impacts of climate change. As such, the City of Kingston is trialling a free tree giveaway for residents.

You should have received a tree voucher in your rates pack recently. The voucher entitles you to two free locally-native trees (tubestock) at our participation nurseries, but get in quick. It's only while stocks last!

Participating nurseries

Contact one of the nominated nurseries to check supplies and arrange collection of your tree.

Council is promoting the use of indigenous (local native) plants suited to the natural environment. Please speak with nursery staff regarding your location and specific requirements.

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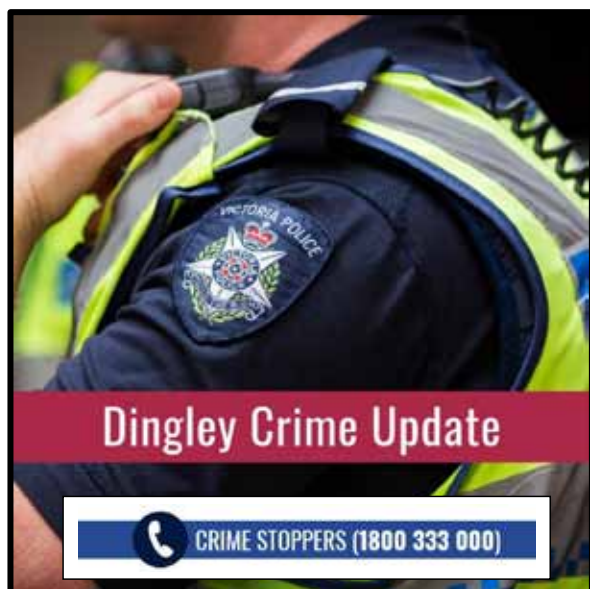
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131 444, is the new 24-hour police assistance phone line for the community to connect with Police about non-urgent crimes and events. The Police Assistance Line will take reports or give advice at any time on non-urgent crimes and events anywhere in the state.

SCAMS AND TRAVELLING CONMEN FORUM

Scams can have significant financial and emotional implications. Come along and hear from Victoria Police and Consumer Affairs Victoria on scams, home and personal safety.

The forum will highlight the various trends and deceiving tactics scammers may use when targeting their victims. Hear about how to identify a scam, different types and how to protect yourself, telemarketing, identity theft and fake tradies.

There will be an opportunity for Q and A and further discussion.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Friday 11th October @ 11am Glen Eira Town Hall



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DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE UNDER THREAT AGAIN

The State Government has prepared draft Planning Guidelines for Golf Course Redevelopment, which include a decision-making framework to assess future golf course redevelopment proposals in the Melbourne urban area.

In August 2019 a 5-member Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee was appointed to review and implement these guidelines. Opportunity for public comment on the draft guidelines was given during September.

The Committee has also been appointed to advise the Minister for Planning on golf course redevelopment proposals requiring land rezoning.

The draft guidelines propose the following key questions be used to assess a golf course redevelopment:

1. Is there strategic merit in the proposal?
2. Are there particular site values or constraints?
3. Does the proposal deliver net community benefits?

In October 2019 the Committee will finalise the guidelines and present them to the Minister for Planning for approval. Then the Committee will begin taking referrals of redevelopment proposals and will include opportunities for parties (including residents) to comment on the particular proposal under consideration.

How Does This Impact Kingswood?

These guidelines and the appointment of this Committee impacts directly on Kingswood Golf Course and Dingley Village, as any future residential redevelopment proposals made to rezone Kingswood Golf Course from Special Use Golf Course could be referred to this Committee by the Minister for Planning for assessment.

The first proposal to be considered by this Committee is likely to be Kingswood Golf Course. Save Kingswood Golf Course Inc Secretary Kevin Poulter said he hoped the Committee and Planning Minister would take into account the massive number 8000+ objections received when Kingston Council voted unanimously against rezoning the Kingswood Golf Course for housing last year.



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"Kingswood is the lungs and wildlife of Dingley Village and we have gone to considerable effort to ensure it would never be residential."

Kevin Poulter added: "The Planning Minister said - he has always encouraged councils to make decisions in line with the expectations of their local community - I hope he can live up to his word."

To find out more about the draft guidelines and the Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee, and to keep up-to-date on Kingswood Golf Course, visit www.savedingley.com

TIME TO PUT ON THOSE GARDENING GLOVES

One of the great pleasures of living in Dingley Village is a walk, drive or cycle along our attractive and safe streets, with their pleasant homes and gardens.

With Spring in the air and the weather warming up, now is the time to get out and see what your garden looks like. Does it need a good weeding or pruning, maybe some new plants?

Gardening is great for your health and very rewarding, so let's make sure our gardens are well maintained and looking their best for us all to enjoy in Dingley Village.

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.

Facebook

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

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FARMERS' MARKET



Next Market is on Saturday 19th October on the basketball court/carpark between the construction area and the ovals, in the reserve, Marcus Road. 8.30 am – 1 pm. Thank you to all who have supported the market by attending and shopping during the relocation.



Who would have thought? Bawdens' Lane' Ceylon Cinnamon creamed honey on Brasserie Breads' Beetroot Sourdough - it's a taste sensation! Yum!

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

Did you know?

Three carrots give you enough energy to walk three miles and they were first grown as a medicine not a food.

Potatoes were the first vegetable to be grown in space. In October 1995, NASA and the University of Wisconsin-Madison collaborated to help grow the first vegetable to be grown in space: potatoes.

Aside from tomatoes, other secret fruits include eggplant, olives, peas, avocado, cucumber, pumpkin, capsicum and zucchini.

The skin usually has the most nutrition. If you peel your fruits and vegetables before you eat them, you may be making a nutritional mistake. On many fruits and veggies such as carrots, apples, and cucumbers, a good percentage of the nutrition is actually stored in the skin. That means when you peel them, you're actually peeling away nutritious benefit.



The girls (chickens) at Eggerton farm live a very contented and stress free life. Someone kindly left them a lovely new roosting spot.



Cash Out facility is available at the Neighbourhood Centre office during the market, if you require extra cash for shopping.

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
FARMERS'
MARKET
SATURDAY
19th October**

**31 Marcus Rd,
Dingley Village**

8.30AM—1 PM

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Have your say! & hear what's happening at the annual

**Dingley Village Community Consultation
7.00 pm Wednesday 2nd October 2019 @
Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre
31B Marcus Rd, Dingley Village**

This annual event is planned to both inform the community on issues of concern and ask the community about issues important to them.

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WRITERS POST

The Dossier is excited to publish our first story in this new segment.

KILL ALL THE LAWYERS

by Leon Herbert

Quote-*"A man's got two shots for jewelry: a wedding ring and a watch. The watch is a lot easier to get on and off than a wedding ring."* **John Mayer**

Mona Fisher turned and gazed at Jerry, sleeping next to her on their marital bed. Her eyes wandered down to his wedding band. She still couldn't believe she was married to a successful lawyer-such a great catch. They had recently spent a romantic holiday in Acapulco and were planning to start a family." Couldn't get much better than that," she thought. Turned out she was terribly wrong.

In the morning Jerry Fisher cleaned the few dishes left in the kitchen sink, hugged Mona affectionately and tenderly kissed her good-bye while he lightly pinched her bum; then headed off to work leaving behind a very happy Mona. He had an ongoing murder trial to prepare for, and a complaining, not so socially acceptable client, that he couldn't afford to disapprove.

At seven that evening, a cleaning woman entered the law offices of Fisher & Dyce and discovered the body of Jerry Fisher. He had been stabbed to death, a sharp letter opener still sticking out of his chest.

Inspector Flint's first unpleasant duty was to interview the young lawyer's widow. Mona was distraught. "We were only married four months. I never met a man more romantic and honest. Why would anyone want to kill him, although I warned him to stay away from some of his bikie clients. You never know what those guys might do."

Jerry's law partner, Kyle Dyce, echoed her sentiments. "Jerry was a man

I trusted completely, and a darn good lawyer. He was still working when I left. About 6 pm I walked across to the health club. I didn't work out, just used the tanning bed. I suppose I was jealous of Jerry's great Mexico tan."

The Inspector spent the next hour going through Jerry's papers and discovered that the trusted Jerry Fisher had been skimming money from the law partnership. He reminded himself that a course in accounts when joining the police had its benefits, he could do the math. He also found the phone number of a woman—Gail Lowenski. He had called his mate, Leroy Cunningham, to assist with the crime scene and the brilliant but eccentric resident sleuth arrived in time for Flint to fill him in. Leroy was excited - crime scenes did this for him, his mind was in overdrive, look behind the obvious was his motto.

They located Ms. Lowenski just leaving the art gallery she managed, the attractive redhead appeared devastated by Jerry's death and even more devastated to hear that he'd been married. "We were together just this afternoon, at my apartment. The louse told me he was single, for months he was stringing me on, I was so sure he was going to propose."

The two detectives showed up to witness Jerry Fisher's autopsy. 'All three of them had motives,' Leroy whispered as they stared down at the cold, naked body. "My instincts tell me the wife did it," said Flint.

"No, my friend, not the wife, but I know which one" Leroy intoned softly. Flint looked at him with amazement.

Well, Vibe readers, who did the brilliant sleuth suspect and why? Solution below

Author's research note-"Let's kill all the lawyers" is a line from William Shakespeare's Henry VI, Part 2, Act IV, Scene 2. The full quote is "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers". It is among Shakespeare's most famous lines, as well as one of his most controversial, and has been used as the title of movies and books. Shakespeare may be making a joke when character "Dick the Butcher" suggests one of the ways the band of pretenders to the throne can improve the country is to kill all the lawyers. Dick is a rough character, a killer as evil as his name implies, like the other henchmen, and this is his rough solution to his perceived societal problem.

Being a retired lawyer, I think the quote is misleading and does most lawyers an injustice but then that's a personal opinion but for as long as movies and T.V. perpetuate the most lawyers as very bad guys and the bard remains popular, the quote will continue to have an enduring quality - so accepting my fate it befalls me to knock off a lawyer for my present bite size whodunit story for the Dingley dossier.

Solution To Kill All The Lawyers

The naked body on the autopsy table held the pivotal clue. On Jerry Fisher's ring finger was a tan line, just where his wedding ring had been.

Leroy pointed it out. "When Jerry went over to Gail's apartment, he naturally removed his wedding ring. Unfortunately, he forgot about the tan line. It's winter here, not in Acapulco so he never had to deal with this problem before. There's no way Gail could have spent the afternoon with him and not noticed that line."

Inspector Flint nodded. "Let's go back and talk to Ms. Lowenski."



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We have been involved in many projects in our community, we were a major contribu-

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We love to help the Dingley Men's Shed and it is always great to visit the men and see what they are working on.

One of the largest grants we were involved in was the resurfacing of the netball courts for the Springvale and District Netball Association.

We have been a part of Noble Park Community Art Shows, Make a Difference Dingley Village and so many of our Local Sporting Clubs and Associations.

We fund the fresh fruit in schools' program weekly to five schools in Dingley and surrounding areas and all of the local kindergartens. The students at Westall Primary School are reading the new books we sponsored for their reading program.

At the end of last year, we donated \$10,000 to Woolanaroo Primary School in a joint project with Club Noble for a new classroom set up with kitchen facilities for the STEM program.

Earlier this year we presented Dingley Village Primary School with a cheque for more than \$10,000 for fencing to go around their car park area to keep the students safe. We have been proud to assist with infrastructure projects like play areas, returfing sports fields, fences, gardens and shade sails, library and sporting supplies equipment.

At the end of last year, we donated \$10,000 to Woolanaroo Public School in a joint project with Club Noble for a new classroom set up with kitchen facilities for the STEM program.

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By Dingley Eye Centre



TAKING A PEAK INTO AUTISM THROUGH THE RETINA

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) currently affects 1 in 100 school aged individuals, with a higher incidence in males. No two ASD individuals are alike, which is why the term "spectrum" is used to describe a vast array of symptoms and manifestations. Some people may have delays or difficulties in particular areas of their development, while there are others who have no significant troubles. The main aspects that people with ASD tend to have difficulties with are:

- Social interaction and communication
- Restricted or repetitive behaviours, activities and interest

The cause behind ASD is still unclear, with neurological and or genetic factors considered to be the most compelling, however as there is no definite understanding behind what causes ASD, there is also no cure.

Dr Paul Constable, an Adelaide optometrist and head of teaching at Flinders University has led and developed a way in which the retina can be used to detect or screen for children who may have ASD.

The retina is a thin layer of tissue at the back of the eye that is effectively an extension of the brain tissue itself. In a recent trial comprised of 89 children with ASD and 87 control children spread across three test centres in the USA, UK and Adelaide, Dr Constable and his research team used a hand-held device to measure specific electrical signals emitted by the brain and the eyes. They discovered that there were subtle differences between the electrical signals in the retina between the two groups.

The eye scan process itself is completely non-invasive, meaning there is no need for eye drops, it is completely pain free and could take less than ten minutes to help identify children with or who may develop ASD. It is still very much in preliminary testing phase.

Currently in Australia, ASD is usually diagnosed from the age of four; however with this new retinal scanner there is the potential for children to be diagnosed earlier, between 2-3 years old. Early detection will be incredibly beneficial for both the child and their families, in order for intervention such as speech

and occupational therapy to begin sooner. It will also allow families to engage in seeking out support networks earlier and adjust their lives accordingly.

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Also a quick note to let you know that Dr Hashini will be on maternity leave as she is expecting her first baby in October, however, she will be back with us again in 2020. We are excited to announce that Dr Richard Pryor will be joining us from our Richmond practice to continue to work alongside Darran in Dingley.

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The bank term 'loan serviceability' refers to their test which largely determines your borrowing capacity. It is important to note that every bank has different rules and parameters, in fact the same person asking at 20 different banks and financial institutions can receive 20 different answers to how much a bank will lend to them (one advantage of using a broker!).

Every different component of the analysis can vary bank to bank. For example how long you have worked at your current position matters, even how you earn your income: Base wages, overtime, penalty rates, commission, independent contractor, self-employed, rents, dividends, child maintenance.

'Assessment' rates vary and will not be the same as the actual interest rate payable. Banks will add a margin when assessing serviceability, to make allowances for future interest rate rises, they will also assess at principle and interest repayments.

Negative gearing allowances also vary bank to bank, having significant impact where investment loans are evident.

Then you need to consider your actual monthly living expenses. How much of your income do you already spend? Many banks will look at your last 3-month bank statements and credit cards, which should be where you start too. You may need to stop spending before you apply for that loan.

Credit card limits are important, banks will allocate repayments based on your card limits whether you have them maxed out or not.

Personal loan and car loan repayments will severely limit your borrowing capacity. If you are wanting to buy property consider the effect that holiday or car may have on your serviceability before you make the purchase!

Even more important is your credit record. Pay your bills on time (including that mobile). If you are unsure of your credit record discuss that with your broker.

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FUNDING A FULFILLING FUTURE

The title for the oldest Australian rests with Christina Cock who was 114 years, 148 days old when she died in 2002. While there aren't many people who could claim to reach such a fine age, the latest Intergenerational Report tells us that Australians are living longer. This means that we all need to plan for even more years in retirement than any previous generation.

But how can you plan for the unknown? If only working out how much you need in retirement savings were an exact science you would simply multiply how long you were going to live times how much income you would need each year and choose an investment to provide the appropriate returns, then start working towards that magical figure.

As we all know, life is never quite that simple so what can we do?

Living longer

The statistics report that the average man will live almost 20 years after age 65 and the average woman just over 22 years post-65. However, if you reach 75, expect to reach 87 if you're male and 89 if you're female.

But what about you? The best retirement plan is to regularly review your situation, your health, and your goals.

What's right at age 65 might change very quickly, particularly your health.

Living expenses

How will your living expenses change when you retire? Will they drop because you are eating at home more frequently and not out with work colleagues? Or maybe expenses will increase because you now have more time on your hands to do the things you've always wanted.

For most of us, it's not until we've experienced a year or two of retirement that this question can be properly answered. In the meantime, take note of the combined ASFA Retirement Standard which suggests almost \$61,000 per annum is needed for the average couple to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Or, for around \$40,000, the same couple might expect a more modest lifestyle, missing out on the niceties in life.

Investment markets

Finally, we have the fluctuating fortunes of market returns to factor into the equation. What's right for you will depend on your own circumstances, needs and options – your retirement plan?

One approach is to match your retirement savings to the nature of your living expenses. For example, if you have \$20,000 a year of fixed living

expenses like groceries, utility bills and transport, then you might want a secure part of your portfolio to ensure these are covered. Then think about some of your discretionary expenses – like upgrading the car or taking an overseas holiday. With longer term, irregular expenses like these, a more active investment might be manageable knowing that your basic living needs won't be compromised.

Investing wisely and taking appropriate levels of risk at appropriate life stages can put some certainty into your retirement plans even if you don't think you'll reach a century. We can help you build a plan to prepare for a comfortable and hopefully long retirement.

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What is a Binding Financial Agreement?

Binding Financial Agreements (BFA) are agreements that provide for the splitting of assets of a marriage or de-facto relationship. They are commonly referred to and known in other countries as pre-nuptial agreements.

In Australia, these agreements are generally entered into pursuant to the provisions of the Family Law Act 1975. This allows parties to enter into BFAs:

1. Prior to a marriage or de-facto relationship;
2. During the relationship; or
3. At the time of separation.

Why a BFA

Many parties to a marriage or de-facto relationship may wish to enter into a written agreement prior to or during the

relationship to agree on how property or financial resources of either or both of the parties are to be dealt with where the parties separate. This can be of particular importance when the parties have previously experienced bitter property separation, or where one party to the relationship has assets greater in value compared to their partner.

Alternatively, separating couples who have reached an amicable agreement between themselves, or through their legal representatives, may wish to enter into such an agreement in order to avoid Court involvement.

Factors to consider for a BFA

Generally when deciding on the division of property the Courts take a four step approach:

1. Identify the assets and liabilities of the parties (**property pool**);

2. Assess the contribution of the parties, whether **financial** or **non-financial**;
3. Consider relevant future need factors of the parties such as the age, health and future earning capacity of the parties; and
4. Consider a division that is 'just and equitable' in the circumstances of the matter.

When considering whether to enter into such an agreement, it is important to consider the relevant factors of your relationship and the individuals needs of each party.

How to enter into a BFA

BFAs have strict legal requirements, and must only be entered into following expert independent legal advice.

For a financial agreement between the separating parties to be considered a 'BFA' certain legal rights and formalities **MUST** be met. This means the parties will need expert independent legal advice on the BFA prior to signing it.

The Advantages of entering into a BFA

The Advantages of entering into such an agreement will much depend on the personal circumstances of your particular

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relationship. Expert legal advice would need to be obtained in order to assess whether such an agreement would be in your best interests.

In general BFAs **can** be advantageous in circumstances where:

1. There is a clear agreement as to the division of assets and the parties wish to formalise this into a written agreement that generally cannot be challenged when undertaken properly;
2. The effect of a BFA entered into prior to separation can be that you are assured a certain degree of financial security in the event of separation;
3. In circumstances where you have significant assets prior to entering into the relationship, you may wish to separate these assets from the matrimonial property pool. This may be particularly important when you have children of a previous relationship, or when you have received a significant financial contribution prior to entering into the relationship;
4. If you have entered into a non BFA at the time of separation, entering into a BFA has the added effect of significantly reducing the ability of one party to later challenge that non-BFA through the Family Court; and
5. The agreement can only be terminated through agreement by both parties, or by a court order.

Disadvantages of a BFA

1. A BFA can only be entered into with agreement from both parties, after obtaining independent legal advice. The effect of this is that you will have upfront legal expenses. However, this upfront cost should be consid-

ered against the legal costs incurred if there is no BFA and the parties try and negotiate a settlement through lawyers or the courts.

2. There is a risk a court may **set aside** the BFA. This could be for a number of reasons including:
 - a. The BFA was obtained by fraud, non-disclosure of material financial information by one party;
 - b. The BFA is not valid, or if it is voidable or unenforceable;
 - c. Circumstances since the BFA make it impracticable it or a part of it to be carried out;
 - d. A **material** change in circumstance occurs since the BFA (e.g. relating to the care, welfare and development of a child of the relationship) meaning a child of the parties or a party to the agreement will suffer hardship. This risk is significantly reduced when appropriate legal advice has been obtained by both parties when entering into the agreement, and, in addition where the parties regularly revisit their agreement at times of significant change in their relationship.

Next Steps

Although BFAs are complicated and require expert legal advice, in appropriate circumstances they can offer certain advantages to parties.

If you are considering entering into such an agreement, or if you would like to obtain further specialist legal advice on the issues raised in this article, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 8555 3895.

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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.

October will be a great month for seniors to get involved in a variety of activities and you should check the literature issued by your local councils for details/costs of events

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.

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

DINGLEY CHELTENHAM VIEW CLUB

(Voice Interests Education of Women)

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club (Voice Interests and Education of Women) celebrated their second anniversary on the First day of June with a Warming Winter Lunch enjoyed by over 40 members. It was a celebration of the values of VIEW. Fun, Friendship, Learning and importantly supporting the most vulnerable in our community through our partnership with The Smith Family.

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

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PROBUS CLUB DINGLEY CENTRAL

Our guest speaker at our September meeting was Mark Cubitt, chairman of the Australian Board of the School of St Jude, Tanzania. The school was founded in 2002, by Australian Gemma Sicia.

Supported by Rotary, 90% of the schools funding is from Australian families, who have signed up to sponsor a child or donate.

The school provides a free and high quality education, to 1800 disadvantaged bright students from the Local Arusha District.



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Activities for October are, Happy Hour on the 3rd, General Meeting on the 7th, Film Day on the 9th, Camera Club the 10th, FAC the 11th, Morning Coffee the 14th, and on the 16th The Mystery Tour, Legs the 18th, Games Day the 24th, Morning Melodies the 25th, and on the 28th Craft Group.

Our Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month, at the Salvation Army Kingston Gardens Community Church, 12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village. New members are most welcome, for further information, please contact Ruth on 9587 0432.

DINGLEY VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INCORPORATED

Greetings all! We hope that you are all enjoying some of those nice Spring-like days that we are having from time to time. Last month we held our AGM and the previous office bearers were reappointed – we thank them for their continuing service. We would also like to extend our thanks to Beryl and Joyce for their service on our Committee. The AGM was followed by some good fun entertainment. We also had our fish and chips luncheon last month which 'went over' quite well – this was again followed by entertainment.

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

7th – Committee Meeting followed by cards, games and the knitting group, as usual all to be followed by afternoon tea;

14th – Bingo, eyes down at 1:00 p.m. and followed by afternoon tea;

21st – cards, games and the knitting group (again followed by afternoon tea);

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

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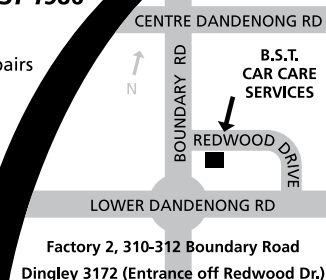
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PROBUS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE INC.



The Guest Speaker at our September meeting was Frank Carmody, who was injured, but survived the Queen Street massacre in December 1987. On this day 8 people were killed, and 9 injured. Frank gave a graphic and confronting account of the circumstances leading up to this terrible event, and his own part in bringing it to a conclusion. He also spoke of how his work in speaking to groups such as ours has helped in his rehabilitation over the years.

Our October 3rd general meeting will commence our birthday celebration. Well known comedian Don Jones will provide the entertainment, with a mixture of comedy magic, observational comedy with classic one-liners, stories and songs. This will be followed by lunch in the clubrooms.

Other activities in October will include coffee morning at The Nest on the 8th, movie lunch at the Waverley Cinema on the 17th, and Morning Melodies at the Waltzing Matilda featuring "Neil Diamond and Friends" with Tony Diamond on the 25th.

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.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DINGLEY VILLAGE



The members received thanks from Winter Warmers for knitted items donated.

The Little Villagers Child Care also thanked the members for our donation to purchase a new pram.

A donation was passed on to Blaze Aid to help the Farmers and their families caught up in bush fires. CWA Dingley members also voted at their September meeting that Blaze Aid will be the main project for our efforts in 2019-2020.

Dates to remember during September were at the Mentone Branch of CWA and an "Afternoon at the Proms" at Carrum, attended by some of the ladies with the usual plate of goodies to share with other members.

Our Craft meeting was fun at Irene's, making Items for the forthcoming Christmas Stall later on in the year. We shall continue to come up with more ideas at the October craft day on Wednesday 9th at 10am. Once again enjoying our morning around the table with Irene.

Our next members meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd 10am, at DVNC Marcus Rd Dingley Village. President Carmel at 9796 2897, and Secretary Diana at 9580 6150, will be available to pass on any inquiries regarding CWA Dingley Village.

DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED



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

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LIONS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE



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. Contact – President Lynne 9551 3770 dingleylions@gmail.com

CHELTENHAM LIFE ACTIVITIES CLUB

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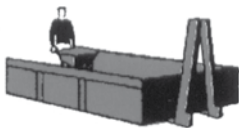
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Our Vision and our Mission

To seek to connect people to God and each other

Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church - Meeting U at the Crossroads of Life

What's On

Wednesdays – **Prayer meeting** at the church 9.00 – 9.30 a.m.

If you have a concern that you would like prayed about ring Margaret on 9551 9494

Know Your Bible 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

An interdenominational study of the Bible for women. For further information contact Jennifer on 0419 115 811

First Friday Of Each Month

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Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month

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

Weddings: By appointment only

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

Holy Mass Times:

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

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil in the Church

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

Some important dates for the month of October

1st	St Therese of Liseux Virgin & Doctor
2nd	Guardian Angels
4th	St Francis of Assisi
5th	St Faustina Kowalska
7th	Our Lady of the Rosary
11th	St John XXIII Pope
15th	St Theresa of Avila Virgin & Doctor
18th	St Luke Evangelist
22nd	St John Paul II Pope
25th	Forty Martyrs of England and Wales
28th	Sts Simon and Jude Apostles



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If this sounds like something that you would love to be a part of or for more information, contact Dan or Emma Faber at Kingston City Church or visit us at the details below:

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Ph: 8551 6600, Fax: 8551 6690. Web: www.kingstoncitychurch.com.au

Email: admin@crm.org.au

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'Come Holy Spirit' SOMA Renewal

Conference - Fri/Sat 25-26 Oct

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Sat open evening 7pm-9pm

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Nigerian Archbishop of Jos, Nigeria – Ben Kwashi - Friday 1 Nov 7.30pm speaks on 'Faith and Servanthood in the Face of Persecution'. Hear his remarkable story of courage and miracles at the frontline of violent attacks on the church and response to personal danger, at Christ Church Dingley. (An offering will be taken for his work among orphans).

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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, 7th October

"Sisters in Christ" Ladies Group - 7-9pm. Fellowship and sharing. Tuesday 1st October, 7 Fiveways Boulevard.

Men's Group - 7-9pm. Fellowship, teaching and sharing. Tuesday 8th October, 7 Fiveways Boulevard.

Life groups: *Wednesday nights - Fortnightly 7-8.30pm, Dingley. 9th and 23rd October.

Sunday nights - 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 7-8.30pm. Keysborough. 6th and 20th October.

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

Monthly - Saturday 19th October; 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 10th and 24th October.

*Open - Thursday 10th and 24th October on the Gospel of Luke. Fortnightly at church office 2pm.

*Not held during school holidays.

Women's Breakfast

Saturday 12th October. 8-10am at the Salt Café, Heatherton Christian College, 316-322 Kingston Road, Clarinda. Cost \$25 for full buffet breakfast with guest speaker, Natalie Bell "Indescribable". Contact Faye Hardman 0409 400 106 for tickets and any questions.

Garage Sale/Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 26th October at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough (see advertise-

ment on page 5 in this edition of the Dossier).

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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.

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DINGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL Let the fun commence!

In 2018 the Victorian School Building Authority allocated \$200,000 to Dingley Primary School for the construction of a new playground. Under the Inclusive Schools Fund banner the funding was granted for a playground designed to cater to all students, regardless of ability or impediment. Plans were drawn up by specialist landscape architects while the whole school community was given the opportunity to participate in the playgrounds development.

Early in Term 3 the existing playground was fenced off and removed to make way for soil conditioning and

levelling of the site. Students stood mesmerised as a variety of specialist equipment was brought in over a period of weeks to make the final construction possible. Football and soccer games were abandoned as forklifts, large-scale blowers, pole drivers and post-hole diggers vied for the students' attention. Classroom discussions were peppered with inquiries as to the purpose of the various machines, sparking real-world learning investigations.

The final product incorporates: a dedicated Prep-Year 2 play area with multi-tier climbing, weaving, sliding and traversing elements; a shop-front to stimulate 'learning play'; an astounding Sensory Zone with interactive musical elements, and; a Years' 3-6 adventure course that would rival anything seen on Ninja Warrior (well, a primary school

version) with climbing wall, ropes course and double-height slides. To say the students were excited as they witnessed the elements being put into place is somewhat of an understatement. When the fence was finally removed it was like the scene from 2001: A Space Odyssey of the apes discovering the Monolith for the first time: the students stood back in awe before gradually darting in and retreating in small groups!

The playground was officially opened by our School Captains and our Principal, Mr Holmes, on Friday 13th September and was immediately inundated. The great news is there is room for all as the equipment is so extensive.

Our active and involved School Council and Parents Club were fully supportive of the development and the project could not have been completed to the standard attained without their help. Students and teachers would like to take the opportunity to thank these parents and carers publicly for their hard work, always on their own time and on top of their many other commitments. We are very lucky at Dingley Primary School to have such an involved school community.



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KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3 at Kingswood has been jam packed with many exciting events for our students. In August our Senior Students performed two amazing 'Iconic Music' concerts. We were blown away by the standard of the performances and the level of student engagement. The audience couldn't help but dance and sing along with the students. A massive congratulations also has to go to everyone involved in making this production a success. At Kingswood we are committed to providing the students with a wide range of experiences so that everybody has a place to shine.

Our junior students have enjoyed many incursions this term. Year 1 students had the opportunity to hold and touch creepy crawly Mini Beasts. They also went to the Melbourne Museum where they learnt more about their habits and survival instincts.



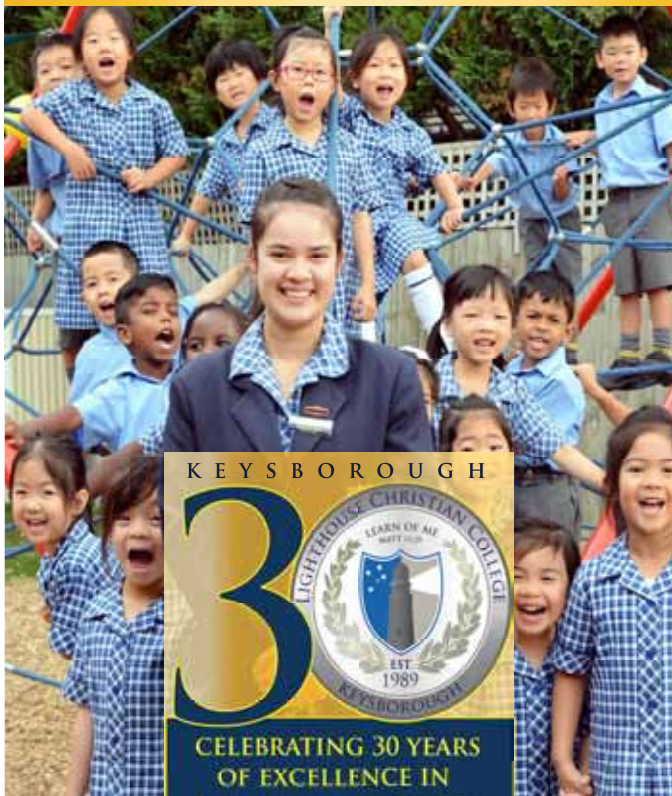
The senior students also participated in an Athletics Carnival with many students progressing onto districts. The Division athletics Carnival will be held in October and we wish our competing students the best of luck.

Kingswood will celebrate the last day of Term 3 with a Footy Day celebration.

This year we have the official AFL Footy Roadshow coming back to Kingswood. The AFL Victoria Footy Roadshow provides an interactive and fun inflatable activity program designed to introduce participants to the game in a fun, encouraging and non-competitive way. We also have the annual year 6 students Vs staff friendly football match to look forward to. Last year the Year 6 student skill level was far above that of the staff, however the staff were able to take home the win. We look forward to seeing all students turn up to cheer on every player in the match.

In Term 4 Kingswood Primary School will be a drop off point for the "Make a Difference" Christmas Appeal. MADDV are hoping to support at least 100 families so would be grateful for your donations of essential items such as, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, cakes of soap and pairs of socks. If you would like to contribute any of these items, please leave them at the school office.

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