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WAYS TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY DURING CORONAVIRUS THREAT

The best way for us all to help is by being kind, and looking out for one another.

As Covid-19 spreads around the world it's easy to feel powerless as a sense of fear or anxiety sweeps through communities. But there are some steps we can take to help protect the most vulnerable — and to combat some of the social ills exacerbated by the virus, like racism and the "me and mine first and foremost" attitude.

At this time, we must continue to support our local communities and small businesses. We must push forward with our lives and not live in fear, but stay cognizant of the potential risks and take appropriate precautionary measures.

The Victorian Department of Health has suggested the following prevention tips to protect you from the Coronavirus:

WASH your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.



TRY not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

COVER your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.



STAY at home if you feel sick. If you take medication make sure you have enough.

PHONE your doctor or the hotline – 1800 675 398 –if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.

CONTINUE

healthy habits: exercise, drink water and get plenty of sleep.



WEARING a face mask is not necessary if you are well.

BUY an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60% alcohol.

WAYS INDIVIDUALS CAN HELP

Donate money to local foodbanks; Donating money not only gives food banks flexibility over which supplies — including fresh foods and paper products — to offer but also lets them decide when to refresh their stocks.

Offer assistance to at-risk neighbours; the elderly and people with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and lung disease are at higher risk from the coronavirus. Reach out to your higher-risk neighbours and community members and ask them how you can help, whether by picking up prescriptions and groceries or offering other assistance. Stock up then stop; Panic buying just contributes to shortages — and more panic. If you already have 30 days' worth of prescriptions, food, and household supplies at home, stop shopping.

Don't join in racism and xenophobia; People have been using the coronavirus as an opportunity to revive racist stereotypes and marginalise sections of our community.

Stay up to date with official news and information, misinformation about coronavirus just spreads fear

Get in touch with your neighbourhood groups and local community organizations to find out what efforts are already underway in your area

Staying connected with others, at least in some way, is more important than ever.

Many people may be feeling the mental health impact of living in fear of a global pandemic not just those with prior mental health issues. Don't dismiss their fears, empathize and validate that this can be a really scary, anxiety-provoking time.

There can be a temptation during times of crisis to think of oneself and one's family first — and depending on your situation, you may not have the resources to do more. But for people who do have the ability to support others, it's a crucial time to do so.

'The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members'. Mahatma Gandhi

Activities and events listed in the Dingley Dossier maybe cancelled or change due to the coronavirus threat, please check with organisers for any changes.

LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City of Kingston: 1300 653 356 Emergency: 000 Cheltenham Police Station: 9583 9767 Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 Lifeline: 13 11 14 SES: 13 25 00 Poisons Info: 13 11 26 Nurse on Call: 1800 022 222 National Security: 1800 123 400 MensLine: 1300 789 978 WIRF (Women's Information and Referral Exchanae): 1300 134 130 Safe Steps 1800 015 188 Tip Smells & Dust: EPA 1300 372 842 Cleanaway 1800 213 753 Aircraft Noise: 1800 802 584 Neighbourhood Centre 9558 1866 Community Association 9551 5442 Men's Shed 9551 5892 VicRoads Faults and Hazards: 13 11 70 RSPCA 9224 2222

COMMUNITY



DINGLEY VILLAGE ANZAC SERVICES CANCELLED.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE REGRETS TO ANNOUNCE THAT ANZAC DAY SERVICES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS DURING CURRENT CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK.



LOCAL MUSICIAN, CHOIRS & MUSICAL GROUPS.

Did you know that the Dingley Village Farmers Market welcomes performances by locals during the market on the 3rd Saturday each month?

If you are interested in performing, please leave your contact details at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Rd.

ALL WEATHER OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT

Thank you to all residents who contacted us to support an all-weather basketball court for Dingley Village. Preliminary



discussions have commenced with Council officers and we will keep you informed of progress. In the meantime, low level barriers will be installed around the current court to separate players from the carpark.

DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE SURVEY

The Neighbourhood Centre survey has now closed, thank you to all those who participated.

Winners of the \$50 Visa Gift Cards will be announced in May Dossier



"OH WELL, IT'S INEVITABLE I SUPPOSE ... "

This is what we heard about the proposed development of the Kingswood Golf Course land for several years. The plan was for a minimum of 760 units, most 3-storey, some on lots smaller than 300 square metres, and was to include six "super lots" of unstated density. Thankfully more than 8,000 citizens lodged written objections, and was unanimously rejected by Kingston City Council in 2018. It was a genuinely inspirational demonstration of solidarity by you, the Dingley Village residents.

We strongly sent the message that investment companies should not and cannot "build-and-bolt" with dense housing for profit at the expense of local people, resources and wildlife.

The facts, the ethics and the law are on our side. Kingswood remains zoned as 'special use' NOT 'residential' in a victory for everyone except for ISPT Super Property, the \$19 billion company still attempting to add Kingswood to its portfolio.

If we didn't fight, the building of houses upon houses would have begun by now. Think of the sound and dust of bulldozers and chainsaws, the roadworks and traffic congestion, the amount of trees felled, birds and wildlife sent scattered and extra flood water that we'd be enduring right now.

The parking issues.

The public transport issues.

The impact on your house values.

That rare community feeling that made you move to Dingley Village in the first place.

These problems would continue to compound over the coming years – all in our village suburb with no train station or high school.

As we speak, the Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee is being formed. It's a new Victorian Government body designed to look at development proposals such as turning Kingswood into housing. It's very likely

that Kingswood will be the first case that they consider, in the first quarter of 2020 (Virus permitting). You might wonder why they would expect the interests of the residents and council to be any different after only 17 months. It's a good question. Sadly, it seems the fight is back on regardless.

So as the final decision gets closer, don't forget: 97.5% of residents who responded oppose the development. Our council plus local state and federal politicians on both sides supported us unanimously.

The only people who would benefit from Kingswood becoming a housing development are the managers of investment companies, and they do not live in Dingley Village. When there is no nett benefit to our community, there is no need to accept what isn't right. And for goodness sake, don't let yourself, your family or your friends say "Oh well, it's inevitable I suppose ... "

That's exactly what ISPT Super Property want us to think.

For more information and updates on how you can have your voice heard as a Dingley Village resident, visit www.savedingley.com or follow the Facebook page.

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DON TATNELL LEISURE CENTRE CLOSED.

The Don Tatnell Leisure Centre has been closed after serious structural issues were found at the site, making it unsafe for use.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said Council was saddened to close the centre, which has served the community for more than 40 years, and it would now plan a new aquatic and leisure facility to serve the community.

"Recently Council detected issues at the centre during maintenance works on pipework buried deep under the pool. We temporarily closed the centre hoping that repair works could see the facility re-opened. Sadly, during the works we discovered major structural issues caused by water leaks over time that have left the foundations on very unstable ground," Cr Oxley said.

Emergency works are underway to stabilise the building to ensure community safety, however it cannot reopen without major costs.

"Council was facing \$9 million in costs and a 10-month closure simply to return the ageing building to a useable state, without any improvement in services to the community. Instead we will focus on developing a new, modern centre that meets the current and future needs of our community."

Council has kept regular users informed during the works and is now contacting them about the closure and options to transfer them to Waves Leisure Centre (Council's main aquatic facility) or alternative providers.

"We will also be working with any regular users who need help travelling to Waves to make sure they can still use Council's pool and gym," Cr Oxley said.

Councillors have called for a priority report into options for a new leisure and aquatic centre to explore:

- the range of services to offer at the facility
- potential locations, including the option to rebuild at the current site
- funding required to build the new centre.

The community will be consulted on plans for the new centre in coming months

HELP PROTECT KINGSTON'S HERITAGE AND TREES, NOMINATE YOUR FAVOURITE LOCAL TREASURE

Do you know a place or a tree in the City of Kingston that should be protected?

Kingston Council is asking for the community's help to identify places or features across the city that should be protected because of their heritage significance, and important trees to add to the Significant Tree Register.

As part of the first phase of updating the Kingston Heritage Study, Council wants to hear about any local places, buildings or precincts with aesthetic, historic, social or technical value.

There are a number of places already listed for protection in Kingston including: the Kingston Arts Centre, Kilbreda College, the Chelsea Court House and the Bridge Hotel.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said protecting our significant buildings and objects is a priority of Council.

"Once a heritage place is listed we can ensure that it is protected and conserved for future generations in Kingston, so it's really important we identify places of special significance," said Cr Oxley.

"The community is perfectly placed to help us with this important job of protecting our shared heritage as they are living among these potential treasures every day."

Alongside the Heritage Study, Council is also updating its Significant Tree Register and is asking the community to nominate any really significant trees they believe should be added to the list for protection.

The City of Kingston Register of Significant Trees identifies exotic, native and indigenous trees on private and public land that have special significance. Trees that are listed on the register are protected by the Kingston Planning Scheme.

For more information about how to nominate a site or place of historical significance, visit yourkingstonyoursay/ heritage

To let Council know about a significant tree, visit yourkingstonyoursay/ significanttree. Both consultations close on Monday 27 April.

KINGSTON'S 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

A tireless advocate for the vulnerable in the community has been named Kingston's 2020 Woman of the Year, at a ceremony celebrating International Woman's Day.

June Rea accepted her award from Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley at the special event on Friday 6 March at Kingston City Hall.

June is the second person to have won this prestigious annual award that was launched last year to recognise the outstanding achievements of women making a positive difference in their local community.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said choosing a winner among the 18 exceptional women nominated for this year's award had been incredibly difficult, but June Rea stood out as someone who has worked tirelessly for her community.

"Once again, we have been overwhelmed with the quality of the nominees, said Cr Oxley. "June won because of her tenacious advocacy that has resulted in positive impacts on the lives of so many Kingston residents, in terms of both living conditions and lifestyle.

June Rea said she was extremely honoured and grateful to have received the Woman of the Year Award.

"I am hoping this award increases awareness about the great work the Community Visitors program does in safeguarding the human rights of the most vulnerable in our community and encourages others in Kingston to volunteer as well," said Mrs Rea.

Our nominees this year were recognised across three categories:

Courageous Commitment: women dedicated to making a difference to the health, wellbeing, safety and/or sustainability of our community through advocacy, campaigning, fundraising and/or thought-leadership.

Excelling in Arts and Sport: using sporting and/or creative talents to represent, motivate and inspire our community.

Inspiring Innovation: leaders in Business, Economics, Politics and/or an Entrepreneur.

Last year's winner of the Inaugural Kingston Woman of the Year was family violence and disability advocate Emma Gierschick



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FARMERS' MARKET

Our next market on Saturday 18th April is again in the forecourt of the Neighbourhood Centre and incorporates the decking and foyer of the new hall complex. Sit amongst the gum trees and share a special treat while supporting your local market. With FREE Wi-Fi, parking, **kids activities including free face painting and jumping castle** plus scrumptious food available what more could you want.

Congratulations to Ben and Anna at La Villa Salumi for winning yet another award for their sausages for the second consecutive year!



And you can pick up your award winning sausages at each and every market.







Acceptable leaves on the left, inedible leaves on the right



Day 13: Airtight container

Day 1: Airtight container

PRODUCE



Acceptable leaves on the left, inedible leaves on the right

Have you ever bought a beautiful pack of salad greens or baby spinach, only to find a couple of days later frustratingly they have gone limp and slimy? A study by the University of Otago tested 17 different methods for the storage of salad greens.

It turns out the best storage methods for storing SALAD GREENS is in an airtight container in the fridge. The worst way to store your salad greens is to leave them in the opened bag that you bought them in!

If you don't have an airtight container handy, put your salad leaves in a zip lock bag with a paper towel to help extend their life.

Don't believe us see the comparison

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

Free community stalls available. Contact Amy, the market manager market@ dvnc.com.au



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.

VILLAGE REFLECTIONS

Interview with Beryl Frost by Jenifer Eaton & Jan Holt on her reflections of Dingley

Beryl Frost is a long time Dingley Village resident and her husband Stan was a member of the Frost family who operated the Frost dairy in Tootal Road.

Stan and Beryl's home in Tootal Road was relocated from a local golf course and was next to Stan's brother Graham's, brick house and dairy. The Frost family dairy was in Hampton, with Stan and Graham's father Fred Frost building the brick house in 1964 and the dairy commencing

operations in 1966 in Dingley village. The dairy was later sold in 2008.

There were many families in the Dingley/Heatherton districts who were involved in the trotting industry. These families owned their own horses, sulkies and many their own trotting tracks in the Boundary Road area, north and south of Old Dandenong Road. At that time trotting races were held at the Melbourne Showgrounds in the evening.

The most famous trotter owned by the Frost family was Straight Flush (Ginger) and another Frost horse was Talangatta Terror. Other trotting families in the area were; Dove, Daff, Wilson, Coram, Mance and Spearing. The Frost brothers trained



on the Dove/ Daff trotting track on the corner of Old Dandenong and Boundary Roads, Graham also trained his horse at Johny Charleton's track next door to the Frost Brothers' in Tootal Rd.

The milk floats owned by the Frost brothers are now at Yarra Glen with Beryl's daughter Lyn, who is a race horse breeder.

Graham Prosser of Old Dandenong Road was the blacksmith for the Frosts, he was a neighbour of Fred Le Bon and created the draught horse statue which is housed in Fred's museum shed, the statue being formed from paper mache. Graham was also the photographer for the trotting races at the Melbourne Show grounds.

Notes by Beryl Frost

Stan and Graham started Frost Bros Dairy in 1966, they had started working with their father, also a dairyman, on leaving school at 15, and their first customer was Joy Watson. Graham would dress up as Father Christmas and go around the street in the horse and milk float at Christmas, eventually the horse and milk float were replaced by truck delivery. The milk was delivered in the early

hours of the morning, starting at 2.00 am and arriving back home at 11am after the last delivery. They delivered to Corrigan's supermarket (now Woolworths), homes, milk bars, factories and sandwich shops in the area, the only day's milk was not delivered were Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Greyhounds were owned and trained by the Fisher and Kirkcaldy families in Dingley.

Sarose Court in Dingley, off Howard Rd, was named after a very successful race horse owned by C. Rowe author of the very interesting book "Saddle on the Wall"





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REAR CAR PARK AND BASKETBALL COURT BEHIND THE HAROLD BOX HALL / LIBRARY

Following on from last month's article by DVNC re the basketball court, DVCA fully endorses the DVNC article and had already contacted Council, receiving the following reply...

"In terms of the car park / basketball court, the potential upgrade and utilisation of this space is to be considered as part of the broader potential future Stage 2 works at the site. The nature and extent of future car parking arrangements will need to consider and respond to relevant requirements of the Kingston Planning Scheme. Any future Stage 2 works are subject to Council endorsement and approval.

We are aware that the informal basketball court is valued and well utilised by the local community. This will also be taken into account in terms of any future redevelopment of the site, and safety concerns will be paramount.

Please be assured that Council officers will undertake consultation in terms of any future work to ensure that residents have an opportunity to consider and comment on plans in advance of a design being formally be progressed."

DVCA believes the court needs to be refurbished much sooner than Stage 2 (which could be several years away) and similar basketball hoops should be placed in Chadwick & Rowan Rd. reserves. It is important to provide our young folk with these popular, healthy recreational facilities.

KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE PARK UPDATE

DVCA has been in contact with The Planning Minister, who set up the Golf Course Advisory Committee, to consider applications for development proposals on Golf Courses. We have been advised the Committee guidelines will be available for public comment in early April (delays in publication occurred due to the heavy workload caused by the bushfires). DVCA will make our very strongest presentation for Dingley Village, if/when the matter appears before Council or the Advisory Committee.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE EAST END OF CENTRE DANDENONG RD

For quite a long time DVCA has pursued Council & VicRoads, requesting a pedestrian crossing at the East end of Dingley Village shops, across from our health providers. We have recently received the following advice from Council...

"We have received in-principle support from Department of Transport (DOT) for the installation of the pedestrian refuge. To progress to final approval we need to provide traffic movement and pedestrian count data to show



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or **contact@caringsupportathome.com.au** www.caringsupportathome.com.au 2a/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village VIC 3172 the proposed changes will work as well as a detailed design of the road changes.

We have recently completed the pedestrian and vehicle counts. There were quite a lot of people crossing here, which will demonstrate there's a need for the refuge to DOT. The vehicle movement counts showed relatively low numbers of turning vehicles, which should mean there's no issue with shortening the left turn lane into the service road / St Cuthbert's Avenue to fit the pedestrian refuge.

We will now progress to the detailed design and approval. It's anticipated this will take a few months."

So it looks like we may finally get to cross the road safely!!

CHADWICK RESERVE

DVCA recently met, on site, with our North Ward Councillor, Steve Staikos and Council officers, to further discuss our belief that NOW is the time to see if Dingley Village can acquire some additional sporting land at the back of Chadwick Reserve, This land would come from part of the freeway reserve. MRPV has already moved its bicycle path further west, in response to our request to create more open space. Council now has the



the DVCA - The DVCA is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village.

opportunity to obtain use of this extra

land for future sports/recreational uses

Meetings are held in the Community Centre, 2nd Tuesday each month (except Dec. and Jan.) at 7.30pm. New members are most welcome to attend.

What else You Can Do to Help **Dingley Village?**

If any residents would like join the Friends of Spring Road Reserve group, which would be involved with various activities to help Council to implement the Planting Plan, please contact Pam or Trudy at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31b Marcus Rd Dingley Village, phone 9558 1866, email: admin@ dvnc.com.au and leave your name and contact details, (email, phone number) so we can follow up.

DVCA Contact Details

Please note our new DVCA website please check it out: www.dvca.info

For further information: contact the Chairman/Sec by e mail: david@ llidam.net



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DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE



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ZUMBA GOLD is a fun exercise class

designed for active older adults that

focuses on balance, range of motion

Thurs 9.30 – 10.30am in Harold Box Hall.

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31b Marcus Rd, Dingley Village 3172, Ph.: 9558 1866 Email: dvnc@satlink.com.au Website: www.dvnc.com.au

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COLLECTION POINT

Did you know that you can drop off the following items at the Neighbourhood Cen-

tre. Prescription Glasses, hearing aids, toiletries and metal ring pulls from cans. These items are then recycled for use by local service groups.

and co-ordination all to the sounds of Latin rhythms.



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THE DSRC DINGLEY JUNIOR SPOTS STAR FOR FEBRUARY IS ALEX BOEVE

10 year old Alex has not lost a single set in competition so far this Season and is currently ranked number one player in his Competition Grade.

Alex started playing tennis at the age of 6 at the Dingley Tennis Club.

He soon represented the Dingley Tennis Club in the Hot Shots League and has moved on to playing in the Sunday Waverley Tennis Junior Competition.

He represented Waverley tennis in the Associations Junior League (AJL) in 2019.

Last year Alex and his Dingley C2 team won the Championship.

This season, Alex has been playing B6 where he and teammate Trent are on track to make the Championship finals. The team is undefeated.

In January, Alex won the Frankston 11&Under Junior Summer Classic.

His success comes from dedication and hard work. Alex loves his tennis. When he gets home from school (Kingswood Primary), he trains three times a week and spends most of his other days either on the court or watching his favourite player Roger Federer.

We look forward to following Alex as his tennis career develops. As a deserving, February Dingley Junior Sports Star winner, Alex will receive a Decathlon Sports Warehouse voucher and be eligible for the 2020 Bendigo Bank Dingley Junior Sports Star award.

CONGRATULATIONS ALEX

To nominate a junior sports star go to www.dingleysportsclub.com.au





LOCAL SPQRTS



DINGLEY FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

After an extensive pre-season preparation, your local footy club is 'champing at the bit' in anticipation of Round One.

We have been are working through some football practice matches in recent weeks and expectations are high for 2020.

Many sports activities are facing postponements at least, including community based netball, where many games and large numbers of players congregate in one place for just a few hours. The Melbourne press covered this issue in the Herald-Sun a few weeks ago. The





Seth O'Donnell,

Dingley community is a strong one and we will all get through the current rough waters if we look after each other.

The Dingley Football Club first fielded a side in 1959 and well in excess of 800 players have represented the club just at senior level. Add in the hundreds of players at Reserves level and juniors who have pulled on the jumper and the number of ex Dingoes in the community is mind boggling. Those who play local football play for the love of the game and for the honour of being chosen to represent us.

Round one against Highett at Souter oval will see the unfurling of the 2019 Senior and Reserve premiership flags and a past players re union is being held from noon throughout the day. If you are one of those numbers or know someone who is, come to the game and enjoy the occasion with all the regulars. It should be a great day, so please put it in your calendar.

You can keep up with all current events at any time, via the Dingley Football Netball Club Facebook page.

There are many good stories on the website. Read about Seth O'Donnell, a local football 'up and comer', who is also exciting the world of athletics.

Young Seth is a terrific young man whose uncle was a former four times club captain.

Go Dingoes in 2020"



DINGLEY TENNIS CLUB Seriously unserious tennis. OPEN COURT SESSIONS

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The best bit? Just show up with or without a crew and your local tennis club will host the night. You don't need any equipment or any tennis skills, just rock up and have a hit.

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If you have an interest in serving the community, all of the policing roles have aspects that will interest you. There is no one attribute, skill or experience that will guarantee your success as a candidate – instead we are looking for your overall suitability for the role you are applying for. https://www.police.vic.gov.au/careers



Neighbourhood Watch & Victoria Police would like to remind everyone to always securely lock your vehicle and never leave valuables visible.



FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

THE TRAGEDY OF VICTORIAN PARKS

In 1833, the English economist William Forster Lloyd published a pamphlet of a hypothetical example of the over-use of a common resource.

The example was of cattle herders sharing a common parcel of land on which they were each entitled to graze, as was then the English custom. He postulated that if a herder put more cattle on the common then that herder would get more return.

But, that every herder would rationally do the same thing. Therefore, overgrazing would result and all of the herders would do worse than would be the case if one such herder owned and sold the right to graze.

For each additional animal, a herder could receive additional, individual benefits; while the whole group shared in the resulting degradation to the common land. If all herders made the same individually rational economic decision, then the common would be depleted, even destroyed, to the detriment of all.

This is exactly what is facing Braeside Park, which is a common 'managed' by Parks Victoria. The Park received 502,000 visitors during 2019. This is an increase of 100,000 from the previous year. The National and State Parks are another instance of the working out of the tragedy of the commons. At present, they are open to all, without limit.

The parks themselves, however, are limited. There can be only one Wilsons Promontory or Grampian National Park or Braeside Park or anything like it in Melbourne's area - whereas our population grows without limit.

In Braeside Park's case, high-density urbanization increases population, not open space. What all of those visitors seek in the Park steadily erodes.

Visitors demand easy access to cultural or natural beauty spots. Thus, tracks are upgraded and extended to larger carparks for all, with the loss of habitat and biodiversity.

Add camping grounds, cafes, Men's Sheds, community gardens, surrounding infrastructures such as Freeways and Bypasses, and the impact on the natural environment multiplies.

Of course, these facilities also attract more visitors, which degrades what originally drew the visitors.

Plainly, we must soon cease to treat the parks as commons or they will be of no value to anyone. The biggest loser, of course, is the flora and fauna who have

MEDICAL CLINIC 110 Centre Dandenong Road Dingley 3172 Phone 9558 2155

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By Appointment

no input at all. (The Lorax, after all, was fiction.)

The food chains and webs taught at primary schools show plants are the most important part of life on Earth. Disturb them and everything will collapse.

Admittedly we have not run that experiment – yet – so the general population are oblivious.

What shall we do?

We have several options.

We might sell the parks off as private property.

We might keep them as public property, but allocate the right to enter them. The allocation might be an entry fee, by the use of an auction system. It might from merit in some agreed-upon standards. It might be by lottery. Alternatively, it might be on a first-come, first-served basis, administered by long queues.

These, I think, are all the reasonable ideas. They are all objectionable. However, we must choose. Or, we acquiesce in the destruction of the commons that we call our State's Parks.

Judith Sise President of the Friends of Braeside Park

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WILL THERE ALWAYS BE AN AGE PENSION?

With all of the talk about the need to be self-sufficient in retirement it's not surprising that many people assume that the government-funded age pension will be phased out altogether sometime in the future. But will it?

Both sides of politics have committed to retaining the age pension "for those in need". The age pension is means tested using both an income and an assets test – the test that pays the lowest pension is the one that is used.

Conclusion - The age pension will remain, but not for everyone

There are two other aspects to the government's retirement income policy – compulsory superannuation and taxconcessional voluntary superannuation. Following the increase to the assets test thresholds in January 2017, many people now qualify for only a part pension. Meaning, the general rule still holds - as you build more super, you will qualify for less age pension.

One aspect that people don't consider is the age when a pension becomes payable. Historically, it has always been age 65 for men, and since 1995 the qualifying age for women progressively extended to age 65.

With people now living longer lives, the age pension may be payable for 20 to 30 years – a very long-term commitment for governments. This raises the question "why 65?"

The answer to this question suggests another key issue in the provision of the age pension. It all goes back to Otto von Bismarck, the German Chancellor in the 1880s. He introduced state funded "accident and old age insurance" – the first pension scheme in the world. This standard was followed throughout the rest of Europe and eventually the world.

His actuaries nominated age 65 as when the "old age insurance" would be payable. This was at a time when the average life expectancy of a German male was 44. A very small percentage of the population could expect to receive the pension and they were not likely to receive it for long.

In 2010 the government considered the question of 'why 65?" and the age pension age was increased. Starting from

1 July 2017, the qualifying age for both men and women increases by six months every two years. From 1 July 2023, the qualifying age will be 67.

With increasing "grey power" as our population ages, it would be political madness for any government to even consider abandoning the age pension. Instead, fewer people are likely to qualify at a later age for a shorter period.

This is all the more reason to continue to build your own superannuation nest egg and become self-sufficient in retirement.

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MYOPIA: NOT JUST GLASSES, AFFECTS EYE HEALTH & QUALITY OF LIFE TOO

Myopia (often called short sightedness) is an eye health issue that every parent should be aware of.

Those with myopia experience blurry long-distance vision, and are often referred to as "short or near-sighted". A person with myopia can see clearly up close – when reading a book or looking at a phone – but words and details look fuzzy on a blackboard, on television or when driving. While a pair of glasses can correct this defocus, there is a lot more to the story.

Myopia is an increasingly common problem. The prevalence among Australian 12 year olds has doubled between 2005 and 2011. The average age for developing myopia is also declining; younger onset means faster and more extensive myopic progression.

An eyeball that elongates too quickly, or that continues to elongate after age 10-12 when eye growth should normally stop is what characterises progressive myopia. Genetics, environment and be-

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0407 861 343 www.simoncandyschoolofguitar.com haviour can all contribute to this excess growth. Aside from resulting in distance blur, an elongated eye is at an increased risk of a number of sight threatening conditions including: retinal detachment, myopic macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataract. Higher myopia reduces quality of life and is also more costly to correct with glasses and contact lenses.

The precise mechanisms that underpin excessive eye growth are not fully established, however there are a number of known associations. Spending more time on close work has been linked to development of myopia, such as reading, playing computer games, drawing or using smart phones and tablets. Furthermore, electronic hand held devices are easy for toddlers to use resulting in increased exposure to close work at a younger age.

Myopia can also be hereditary, and a person's ethnicity and family background can increase the risk. Research suggests a link between Asian ethnicity and faster progression of myopia, with higher worldwide prevalence in this group of people. A person with one short-sighted parent has three times the risk of developing myopia - or six times the risk if both parents are short-sighted. Some studies show that children are more likely to be short-sighted if their parents finished high school or went to university. Under or over-corrected vision (incorrect glasses, or having no glasses when they are needed) has been shown to promote onset and accelerate progression of myopia.

Fortunately, there are means to curtail progressive myopia. Early detection can help slow onset and progression. Children should not spend more than three hours a day - in addition to school time - on close work such as reading, homework or screen-time. When performing these tasks, ensure a safe working distance is used and short breaks every 20 minutes are encouraged. Outdoor sport and play of at least 90-120 minutes a day can reduce the risk of myopia - looking at your tablet or phone when outside doesn't count! UV protection is still important and won't reduce the benefit of natural lighting, so sunglasses and hats are still advised.

Specialty contact lens designs and orthokeratology currently offer the best vision correction options to slow progression of myopia. Research has shown that specially designed glasses lenses are effective at slowing progression of myopia, though not to the same degree as contact lenses, and only for particular individuals with eye muscle teaming problems. Atropine eye drops have been shown to slow progression of myopia and their use is gaining popularity.

If your child already wears glasses for myopia, it is possible more could be done to stop their vision worsening. Regular assessment increases the likelihood that, at risk cases can be managed early or avoided all together.

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 we can help you and your children to prevent or reduce the impact of myopia on their quality of life and maintain healthy eyes.

Dr Richard Pryor, Darran Yeow and the team @ Dingley Eye Centre We are your local optometrist Ph: 9551 4244. 116 Centre Dandenong Rd, Dingley Village Website: www.dingleyeyecentre.com Email: admin@dingleyeyecentre.com

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BABY AND MORTGAGE

Using dual income purchasing power to borrow more money is standard practice, and is part of the reason for the dramatic increase in house prices over the past 30 years. Most young couples purchase a home together, with joint incomes taken into account to be able to afford ongoing home loan repayments.

An important part of your home loan repayment budgeting needs to allow for expected changes in circumstances, including allowing for a planned (or unplanned?) new baby!

A new baby will involve loss of income into the household. Both parents may be eligible for parental leave, which will help, however in most cases that will be lower than previous earnings. It is important to determine exactly what you are entitled to ahead of time, as part of the planning process. Talk to your employer, and investigate current government benefits available.

Planned return to work times need to be carefully considered. This will vary dramatically between different couples, depending largely on personal preferences, family support, and employer flexibility. One partner may return to work part time, then ongoing and permanent changes to income may be applicable.

Increased expenses will also have an impact. Raising children is expensive, as any parent will attest! Actual costs will vary dramatically family to family. Grandparents can save exorbitant child care fees, and there are always pre-owned furniture and clothing options for those on tight budgets.

A new baby, raising a family, it should be one of the happiest times of

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A mortgage is a financial commitment – and so is a baby. When you're preparing to take on both at the same time, it's a good idea to look at the whole picture.

A cash flow buffer saved can help cover the first 6 months. Talk to your mortgage broker about the best way to set that up.

The permanent ongoing expense of raising a family is another matter. You

may find that you can cover that by reducing your discretionary costs – such as dinners and holidays. It may be that a change in lifestyle simply re-allocates existing expenses to the family.

Your bank is under obligation to not lend to you more than you can afford to repay. However future changes in your life including future family cannot be magically considered by your bank. It is imperative that individuals take into account their future ability to make loan repayments when applying for a loan.

For some, delaying purchasing their home, or delaying starting their family, may be required. Or perhaps compromising to buy a lower value home in order to afford the family. A detailed discussion of home loan options with your mortgage broker will assist you through these decisions.

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DINGLEY 60 PLUS SOCIAL GROUP

March has seen our members enjoying dinner, live music and dancing at our local Night Clubs. Of course the big question at the moment is whether or not we should travel overseas or even if we should embark on local cruises. Some members have cancelled their holidays whilst others have decided to go ahead with their travels.

Our Saturday night dinner dates were at Mentone – Pizza and Italian and Keysborough – Indian. We also had a Sunday movie night at Southland and a BBQ lunch at Braeside Park.

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.

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. For potential members be assured there is room a plenty in 2020

DINGLEY VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INCORPORATED

Our outing to Crown Casino was much enjoyed, particularly by those who partook of the buffet lunch. Also, another

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Our Club arrangements for the month of April are as follows:

- 6th Committee Meeting to be followed by games, cards and afternoon tea;
- 13th Easter Monday a public holiday;
- 20th Cards and afternoon tea; and
- 27th Bingo (eyes down at 1:00 p.m.) followed by afternoon tea.

We would like to wish all of our readers a Happy Easter!

Our friendly group will hopefully meet in our brand new Harold Box Hall, Marcus Road, Dingley, mostly on a Monday (unless otherwise indicated) from 12:30 p.m.

If you have a query, or for any further information, please contact our President, Lyn, on 9585 5039 or our Vice President, Maureen, on 9551 8425.

PROBUS CLUB DINGLEY CENTRAL



Last month our Annual General Meeting was chaired by Ron Damon from the Noble Park and Keysborough Rotary Club. After all the formalities, our new President, Greg Pullen thanked the outgoing President, Mary Daly for her contribution over the last year. President Greg welcomed the new committee members and thanked those returning again for another year of service. A highlight of the meeting was our new president's introduction and a slide show of club events over previous twelve months.

Unfortunately, the new committee's first decision was to cancel all activities until the end of April as a precautionary measure to help slow the spread of the



coronavirus (COVID-19) within our community.

Usually our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 9:30am for 10:00am start at "The Salvation Army Kingston City", 12-16 Boulevard, Dingley Village. For times and dates of events or for more information about Dingley Central Probus please contact our secretary, Ruth, on 9587 0432.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DINGLEY VILLAGE



"All Women, All Ages, All Places. Grow, Connect, Improve."

The members of CWA Dingley are busy getting Items made for Mother's Day in May.

The Mother's Day Stall will be at Woolworths Store on Friday the 1st of May from 9.30 am to 2 pm.

Show and Tell at our last meeting were two lovely time pieces, they were made by our member Joy's mother in 1888 when she was 11, and Joy's grandmother in 1847.

It was great to such family treasures framed and in lovely condition.

Sandra bought along from the local newspapers, announcements and photographs of her and her fiancée's engagement, their wedding and later, the birth of their son.

Plans for our luncheon to celebrate 40 Years for CWA Dingley are still on track, but that will depend on future rulings regarding gatherings.

CWA Dingley Village Craft and Monthly meeting are as follows:

Our Craft Day is at 10am, the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the home of our craft leader Irene, with her helpers the 'Elvets', Kath and Jan. Next craft day is on April 8th.

CWA Meetings are held at the DVNC next to the new Library in Marcus Rd at 10am on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Next meeting is April 22nd. Visitors are welcome.

President Carmel will be happy to pass on information regarding our branch and CWA in general, her Phone is 9796 2897

PROBUS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE INC.



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

The Annual meeting heard reports from the outgoing President, and the Secretary and Treasurer. Following this, the returning officer confirmed the nominations of the office bearers and management committee for the following year 2020/2021.

The general meeting on April 2nd will hear from Gareth Andrews, Executive Director and founder of The Life Again Foundation. The standard aim of this company is to inspire and connect men during times of change. Gareth is also a former League footballer, having played 136 games for Geelong and 31 games for Richmond, including the 1974 premiership. He also had an extensive career in football administration and media reporting. In more recent years Gareth commenced his own real estate business, and also worked in the health and fitness industry.

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 President Vi on 9551 1076.

DINGLEY CHELTENHAM VIEW CLUB (Voice Interests



Education of Women)

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club (View, Interests, Education of Women) is looking forward to 2020, again enjoying fun, friendships, and outings, at the same time making the difference to young lives.

Women of VIEW partner with The Smith family in their Learning for Life Programme which enables vulnerable Australian children to receive an education. These programmes provide practical and financial support to the children and young people.

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club is small but we are proud to be supporting six students with their education. We have many fun events throughout the year culminating in our Christmas celebrations.

We partner with other community groups who also are trying to make a difference in our community and are very grateful for support and sponsorship from Baldwin Living Spring Gardens, Keysborough Golf Club, Bunnings Keysborough, Rotary Club of Dingley Village, Bakers Delight Dingley, Melisa Labozzeta (artist), Dindi Naturals and the Dingley Dossier who so kindly makes it possible for the community to know what we do.





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Please contact Fran Thomas for further information. franniet@gmail.com or call 0419 309 931

DINGLEY VILLAGE **MEN'S SHED**

Members Morning Muster: Friday, 9am till 2pm.

The Dingley Village Men's Shed is in Cypress Drive, Braeside Park (near Visitors Centre), Lower Dandenong Road. Ph. 9551 5892, E-mail: dvms3172@gmail. com www.dvms.org.au

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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.

ROTARY CLUB DINGLEY VILLAGE



The Rotary Club Dingley Village, meets Thursday 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start: Dinner meeting

(First three Thursdays of the month) Mentone RSL, 9 Palermo St, Mentone. General enquiries 0477 682 576

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. or dingleylions@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF **BRAESIDE PARK**

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The walking group meets every Tuesday and Friday morning at the Visitors Centre at 9.30am. This is an informal group where people walk at their own pace. Most stay for morning tea after the walk has been completed. Anyone can attend without prior notice

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EASTER SERVICES

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Our Church program for APRIL is as follows: EASTER

Good Friday 10th April: 9.00 a.m. Worship Service at 7 Fiveways Boulevard,

Keysborough. **Easter Sunday** 2th April: 10.00 a.m. Worship Service at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough.

SUNDAYS

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BIBLE STUDY:

*Women's –Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Thursdays weekly (except during school holidays) at the church office 10-11.30am.

*Open – Thursday 16th and 30th April on the Gospel of Luke. Fortnightly at church office 2pm.

*Not held during school holidays.

WOMEN'S EVENT:

A women's afternoon tea will be held at 2pm-4.30pm on Saturday, 2nd May at the Salt Café, Heatherton Christian College, 316-322 Kingston Road, Clarinda. Sharon Ratten will be the guest speaker, sharing on the topic of child trafficking in Thailand. Bookings open on Sunday, 19th April and close Monday, 27th April 2020. Contact Faye Hardman on 0409 400 106 for bookings and further information.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT:

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

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

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

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Some important dates for the month of April

5th	Palm Sunday
7th	St John Baptiste de la Salle
9th	Holy Thursday
10th	Good Friday
11th	Holy Saturday
12th	Easter Sunday
16th	St Bernadette Soubirous
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19th	Divine Mercy Sunday
25th	St Mark Evangelist
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29th	St Catherine of Siena



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Holy Week Services at St Mark's – Dingley Thursday 9 April: Holy Thursday 10 – 11 am Reconciliation 7pm Mass of the Last Supper Friday 10 April: Good Friday 10 -11am Reconciliation 11am Stations of the Cross 3pm The Passion service Saturday 11 April: Holy Saturday 7pm Easter Vigil.

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DINGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL Student Leaders 2020



City of Kingston councillor Steve Staikos presented the Year 6 student leaders with their leadership badges at a special assembly attended by many proud parents and friends on the 25th of February. Congratulations to all students who have been selected for these leadership roles in 2020.

House Swimming Carnival

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Family Fun Night

A hugely successful Family Fun Night was held on Wednesday the 4th of March. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students, their families and Dingley Primary School staff to take part in a wide variety of fun activities, and to meet and welcome new members of our school community. Thank you to the Dingley Primary School Parents' Club for organising this fantastic event.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our students and their families worked hard to organise and make their Easter bonnets for the annual parade held on Wednesday the 25th of March. We hope that everyone who came along to the parade, enjoyed the fun and saw our Dingley Primary School students display their creative flair!



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