

## The DINGLEY DOSSIER

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# **MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT**

On 24 October this year, Dingley Village will have the opportunity to elect a councillor who they think best represent, at the local level, their vision and interests for a better, stronger and more sustainable community.

Voting will be via post and you will receive your voting information and ballot papers commencing the week of the 5th of October

The COVID-19 restrictions means campaigning for candidates will be quite different this year. But now, more than ever with the move from three councillors to one, we need a committed, motivated and passionate person who understands and supports our community, to represent us.

With Dingley Village residents only electing one councillor it is vital that you make an informed vote that reflects your vision for where you live.

The middle of this month's Dingley Dossier contains an election section, where five candidates for Caruana Ward have provided information and responded to four questions posed by the Dingley Village Community Association. The article was finalised prior to nominations closing, so there may be more candidates than the five who identified their candidacy early.

There are several key elements to the role of a councillor i.e. participating in high level decision-making, setting the strategic direction of the council and representing the local community.



Being a councillor comes with a heavy workload, there is more than just attending council meetings and serving on sub committees, with all the preparation, research and reading that they require.

To be effective, a councillor needs to keep in touch with local residents and community groups, attend civic and community events, work with other wards' councillors, respond to phone calls, emails and correspondence raising issues of concern from residents and other members of the municipal community. On top of that there are also voluntary commitments that many councillors undertake in external organisations, such as local sports, school and recreational committees. These organisations have their own meeting schedules and procedures.

Most councillors retain their employment and undertake the role of councillor in their own time, so there is also work life balance that councillors need to consider in undertaking their role. Being a councillor is therefore not a role to be taken lightly.

There are lots of questions you need to consider when making your choice of who to vote for:

How will they balance the workload and be an effective councillor? Are they already active within the community? Is there something they have done that has benefited the community? Do they reside or pay rates in the Caruana Ward? the list could be never ending. The candidates have provided contact details and links to more information and we encourage you to contact them to discuss issues and ideas or just to find out more about them. Candidates may be known or unknown to the community at large, but that may not reflect their position and work within our community.

The publishers of the Dingley Dossier do not support any particular candidate or endorse any particular candidate's opinions or material they have provided for publication.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, and pay our respects to them, their culture, their Elders past, present and future and uphold their relationship to this land.

FARMERS' MARKET 17th OCT 8.30 am – 1 pm

COMMUNITY

## **DON'T FORGET TO SHOP & DO BUSINESS LOCALLY**

#### WHO MUST VOTE?

Voting in council elections is compulsory for all residents who are listed on the voters' roll. Residents on the voters' roll who do not vote may be fined if they do not have an acceptable reason.

You are already enrolled to vote if you meet the following 3 criteria:

- you will be at least 18 years of age on election day
- you live in Kingston, and
- you are on the state electoral roll for your current address.

It is no longer optional for people aged 70 or over to vote, following changes to the law for the 2020 local council elections. If you do not vote, you may get a fine.

#### **COUNCIL NOW IN CARETAKER PERIOD**

The City of Kingston elections will be held in October and will be conducted via postal vote. Key dates:

Nominations close - 12pm Tuesday 22 September

Mail out of voting packs - 6-8 October Close of voting - 23 October

Similar to the practice with federal and state government elections, Victorian councils observe special arrangements during the period leading up to a general council election. These are commonly referred to as 'caretaker arrangements' and they apply during the 'election period' which is between the close of nominations and Election Day.

The special caretaker arrangements that apply to Victorian councils broadly aim to avoid the use of public resources in a way that may unduly affect the election result. They also minimise councils making certain types of decisions that may unduly limit the decision-making ability of the incoming council. The operational

activities and services provided by Council will continue during the Caretaker period

#### **KINGSTON LIBRARIES EXPRESS CLICK & COLLECT**

As of 5th October, Click and Collect will be available at Parkdale. Cheltenham and Chelsea libraries. See community notice in this edition for more information. At time of printing click and collect was not available at Dingley Village Library, but check in for updates on Kingston Library webpage.

#### **RECYCLING YOUR FOOD** WASTE

City of Kingston has congratulated Kingston residents on the great job we are doing recycling food waste. Preliminary feedback from City of Kinston waste processors is that the amount of waste to landfill is down and green waste has increased by around 15%. These are excellent results, especially with waste in other municipalities increasing with more people at home, a City of Kingston representative stated. Keep up the good work.



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# Letters to the Editor

#### Dear Editor

The Save Kingswood Group Inc., would like to thank everyone who responded to our survey. Also residents who made a donation to our cause. "A small donation can make a big difference".

Please choose your Council candidate carefully, to ensure Kingswood and all of Dingley Village remains a great place to live. A report suggests Kingston might have some well-funded candidates backed by external interests.

Kevin Poulter President Save Kingswood Group Inc. savedingley@gmail.com



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## OUR COUNCIL

#### **POWERING KINGSTON WITH GREEN ENERGY**

Kingston is excited to announce that from next year all the city's street lighting and Council's large buildings across the city will be powered by 100% renewable energy.

The City of Kingston has recently signed a new power purchase agreement with Procurement Australia and sustainability-driven energy provider Alinta that will see the city powered largely by Victorian wind farms for the next ten years.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said the time was right to make a long-term commitment to using clean energy to power our streetlights and buildings in Kingston.

"From January 2021 our street lighting will be switched over to 100% renewable power with our large building sites rolled over in July," said Cr Oxley. "This will mean at least 80% of Council's electricity needs will be provided by renewables, which is a fantastic result and something we know the Kingston community is really passionate about."

The 10-year agreement will also provide Council with price and supply certainty in what has been a volatile energy market over the last decade.

"Sourcing Kingston's energy requirements from 100% renewable electricity is an important response to our Climate and Ecological Emergency declaration," Cr Oxley said. Our existing commitment is to reduce corporate emissions to zero by 2050, this gets us a significant step towards this goal and allows us to consider a more ambitious target in the Emergency Response Plan."

The power purchase agreement compliments other action Council has already taken to minimise its greenhouse gas emissions including replacing street lights with LED and investing \$500,000 to install solar panels on buildings across the municipality.

#### KINGSTON'S FORESHORES AND RESERVES TO BE SMOKE-FREE ZONES

Smoking will be banned in all foreshore areas and reserves in Kingston after Council designated them 'smoke-free areas'.

The changes to the Community Local Law will mean you can be fined if you light-up a tobacco product or smoke an e-cigarette on any of Council's beaches, foreshores areas and reserves.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said the community was overwhelmingly in support of the introduction of smoke-free areas in Kingston.

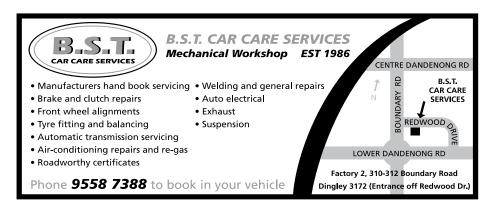
"The feedback we received is the community wants to see smoking banned along our foreshore areas and in our reserves to reduce passive smoking and keep our beaches and bay free of butts," Cr Oxley said.

"If you've been down to the beach and picked up rubbish like our wonderful local beach patrol groups you'll know that there's a huge number of cigarette butts collected each week that can end up in our beautiful bay."

"The smoke-free zones will also help ensure the community is protected from passive smoking, no one enjoying our beautiful foreshore areas and reserves should have to be exposed to other people's second-hand smoke or vape clouds."

The maximum an individual can be fined is \$500 (5 penalty units) but Council will be taking a proactive, educational approach to the implementation of the new law.

Council is also considering extending the smoke-free zones to include Kingston's shopping strips and has asked for a report to be presented at the next Ordinary Council meeting in September.



# FARMERS' MARKE



## **OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 17TH OCT**

## Please support the incredible Victorian Farmers and Producers who attend our market.

Our COVID-19 measures will still be in place for the October market, even if restrictions are easing.



With Spring and daylight saving here we can all enjoy the longer days and what better way than with drinks and a platter of nibbles in the evening. Many of our stall holders, such as Blue Bay Cheese, Villa Salumi, Grumpy Gary's and Twin Pantry, all have produce to make that platter enticing and delicious. Drop by Natural Distilling Co. and check out the Hemp Gin and Hemp Vodka that are a perfect ingredient for your cocktails.

All our regular stall holders will be in attendance with a range of Spring produce to fill the pantry as well as hot takeaway options, you're sure to find something tasty for everyone in your family.

OMG!!! Holy Trinity Biscuits are SO excited to share their new product with you all - Doggy Bark!! Flavours include banana and peanut butter, raspberry coconut, and cranberry chia with all flavours available in either carob or yoghurt and only \$7 per 100g bag!

Once you have picked up a treat for that canine member of the family don't forget the two leg-



ged members. RyOaky Road and Eat Freely have delicious selections to tempt your taste buds. Or maybe you're into something more savoury? Then Anja's Scones or Hazelnut Valley are worth checking out.

Whether you buy from one, two, ten or all of our vendors, the fact that you come along and support our stallholders is the main thing. Many of our stallholders offer home delivery or



take home packs as a service to customers. You can find out more about them by visiting our market Facebook page: Dingley Village Farmers Market and following links to individual stallholders Facebook page or website.



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



Everyone's safety is the priority. Please observe all COVID measures whilst attending the market





## DINGLEY VILLAGE Community association

#### OUR NEW DVCA CHAIRPERSON - LEIGH GRIDLEY

#### Congratulations to the new office bearers elected at the DVCA 2020 AGM.

Our new Chairperson is Leigh Gridley. Leigh bought his first house in Dingley Village in 2009 where he lives with his wife Amy, children (4 year old William and baby Violet), and two dogs. He has been a school teacher and co-ordinator for 15 years and is currently working towards a half marathon, by running all over postcode 3172. Leigh loves our community and is excited to work with the DVCA members and residents in our beautiful neighbourhood suburb.

#### CITY OF KINGSTON COUNCIL ELECTIONS - YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

**Dingley Village - Caruana Ward** Council elections are being held this month on 24 October, with all Dingley residents voting for a single Councillor in the new Caruana Ward.

DVCA has been working with the Dossier to prepare questions for Caruana Ward candidates. These were sent out to all known candidates in September and the candidate's written responses to these questions have been included in this month's Dossier to assist you in deciding who to vote for. Please make sure you read the 'Election Bulletin' in the middle pages when assessing who you will vote for in this important election.

We need to elect a candidate who clearly demonstrates they have:

- the time and ability to represent thousands of ratepayers
- local experience and knowledge
- are actively involved and contributing to our community
- and will be reliable and responsive in supporting our community when representing us on Council.

#### **KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE**

The future of the Kingswood Golf Course land remains a major issue, with 97% of Dingley residents opposed to the land owner's plan to fill the space with housing. The 53.4 hectares is designed and zoned for golf, providing much of the flora, fauna and cooling of Dingley Village.

Rather than continue the stalemate, the DVCA has asked Council to formally approach the land owner to explore the possibility of a lease to open and run the golf course publicly. We feel that taking the lead by proposing alternative solutions and engaging in positive conversations could lead to the ideal "win-winwin" for the owner, the residents and the environment. The Council supported this motion overwhelmingly, and we now look forward to the owner's response.

Since the loss of the 18 hole Moorabbin Golf Course in 2008 (which was located on airport land at the corner



of Boundary & Lwr Dandenong Rds) Kingston has been without a public 18 hole golf course, accessible to everyone.

Kingswood provides a unique opportunity for the City of Kingston to have a full size 18 hole public golf course again, further consolidating the municipality's reputation for world class sandbelt golf courses.

For more information, see www. savedingley.com

#### DINGLEY VILLAGE'S LOW COVID-19 CASE NUMBERS

Congratulations to Dingley Village residents for our low Covid case numbers. Keeping our case numbers low, helps everyone stay safe and healthy in our village, particularly over the past months during Melbourne's extended lockdown. So, well done to all residents who have been doing a great job looking after each other, by being responsible and "doing the right thing" during this pandemic.

#### FRIENDS OF SPRING RD RESERVE - UPDATE

The Council's planned planting and mulching work schedule for Spring Rd Reserve is on hold for now, due to the Covid lockdown restrictions.

As soon as these restrictions are lifted and Council is satisfied it can manage the process satisfactorily, work will be going ahead as planned.

So please stay posted - when a start up date and time is known, the Friends of Spring Rd Reserve group will all be advised straight away. Helping with the Council's scheduled park mulching, planting and weeding work, the Friends



of Spring Rd Reserve will be making a great contribution to improving our new park in Spring Rd.

#### DINGLEY RESERVE PLAYGROUND

Great news - the new playground at Dingley Reserve is now finished and ready for use.

Located in the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre precinct, adjacent to Corrigan Oval, the playground features exciting new play equipment, park furniture and BBQ.

#### DVCA

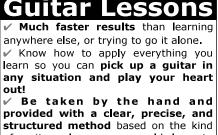
PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING the DVCA - The DVCA is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village.

DVCA meetings are currently being held via Zoom during the Covid-19 lockdown period. New members are most welcome to attend.

#### **DVCA Contact Details**

For further information contact the Chairman/Sec by e mail: dvcasecretary@ gmail.com

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



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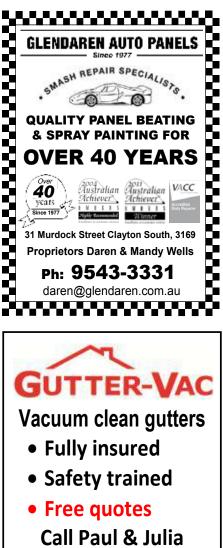
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## FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

Singapore, with an area slightly larger than Westernport Bay and a population of 5.5 million, boasts about its green lungs (parks) and being clean and green. Its new mascot is an otter, which can swim in the harbour!

Victoria's animal logo, Leadbeater's Possum is critically endangered because of habitat loss. These possums nest in the hollows of old trees (150-200+ years), which are logged by VicForests, or burnt in bushfires which happen where people live. Victoria's forest-lungs are regularly logged and burnt by its Government.

We burn brown coal to provide energy for our increasing population. (A fine 1920s technology once celebrated for giving East Germany its distinctive atmosphere.) We fill large holes with our waste.

No one would call Garden State Victoria clean and green. However, Victorian citizens see the need and are ready to take up the challenge. What is lacking is Governmental leadership.

The Andrews Government's election policy 'Our Environment, Our Future 2014' claimed Labour "has a long history of extending our national parks and reserves" which is where it then remained. In the Time of Covid-19, the Andrews Government is exposed as tracking as the worst performer in terms of park creation in the last 60+ years - only 6.55 ha per day in office.

What can Mr Andrews and his government do to boost the economy and tackle the deficiency of open space in Melbourne?

Well, the Chain of Parks across South Eastern Melbourne as proposed by Kingston Council would be a very good place to start.

The plans are already in place.

Two major regional parklands: Karkarook Park and Braeside Park linking a Chain of Parks was proposed by Kingston Council as far back as May 1994 and is still the core of their vision in their Stage 2 Open Space Strategy 2020.

There is a core area of 355 hectares (the size of about 150 MCGs) of publicly owned land to create continuous park "spine" from Warrigal Road, Moorabbin to Braeside Park, Dingley. There is a range of parks to complement Braeside Park and other recreation areas serving



Victoria's animal emblem, Leadbeater's Possum, is now critically endangered because of habitat loss.

families using a threshold of 2.4ha/1000 population as a provision of open space. There could be a central pedestrian and bicycle trails/shared paths over the 10-kilometre length of the linked parks with secondary trails and links to the surrounding communities utilising a variety of reserves, sporting fields and environments to address the needs of different populations.

### Now is the time to buy and to construct.

A mix of parties own the land needed to achieve the Chain of Parks idea including Council, State Government and private copanies. A Public Acquisition Overlay, which identifies land to be purchased by a public authority (in this case Parks Victoria), was applied to 128.2 hectares of land needed for the project.

"Protecting Green Wedges, which are the lungs of our city, has been a strong priority of Kingston Council and the Victorian Government and key to that is finally moving on industrial waste operations." There is that metaphor againgreen spaces acting as lungs!

Kingston Council has recently voted (February 17, 2020) to reject two applications by a company to extend its industrial waste operations in Kingston's Green Wedge. "The safeguarding of Melbourne's Green Wedges is far too important to be left to VCAT and we (the Kingston Mayor and Council) call on the Planning Minister to 'call in' the application and act in the best interests of the environment, our community and the integrity of the Planning system."

Developers, Waste Operators etc. all play Councils off against State and Federal Government legislation. What legislation!? The slight, optional Environmental Effects Act 1978 remains in force - incredible! The Environment Protection Agency responds when citizens identify problems, but then does nothing. Community Consultation is wasting volunteers' valuable time, as the outcomes are pre-decided.

Hence the construction of the Mordialloc Freeway beside Braeside Park, severely affecting the natural environment and to the detriment of community well-being. Imagine that space as an environmental trail for bikes/walkers now in lock-down!

Hence the approval of kick-starting the economy by building two 12-storey buildings in Dandenong-more hard surfaces to increase the Urban Heat Island Effect.

Hence, plans for high/Medium/Low density buildings to cram in more people but where will their young kids go to play. Ask any students confined inside during the recent Covid-19 lockdown, they want open green spaces – parks and trails.

Each day I walk in Braeside Park for my one-hour exercise and feel blessed to have access to this space but on a sunny day, it is jam packed with families because there is nowhere else to go. Think 10, 20 years hence and the Park swamped in a wave of humanity seeking respite from rising temperatures and high-density housing...

#### What can we do?

Well there is a Council election in October so why not ask the aspiring councillors when the Chain of Parks will become reality? Remember the State Government's Inquiry into Environmental Infrastructure for Growing Populations (email to eii@ parliament.vic.gov.au) - why not suggest the Chain of Parks as planned by Kingston Council.

Exploring Braeside Park is a wonderful adventure but imagine having a chain of parks to explore.

Judith Sise, President, Friends of Braeside Park



The Dingley Sports and Recreation Club's Junior Sports Star for August is Hunter Richardson.

Hunter has played baseball and softball since the age of 7 years old. He has been a vital part of the Dingley Baseball Club's U12s team for the past 4 years. He performs as a pitcher, as a utility player in the field and is a strong batter.

He was rewarded in 2019 / 2020 with representation of U14 Victorian Softball Academy Team and the Southern Mariners Little League Baseball team who competed at the State Championships and advanced to the National Championships.

## DINGLEY JUNIOR SPORTS STAR

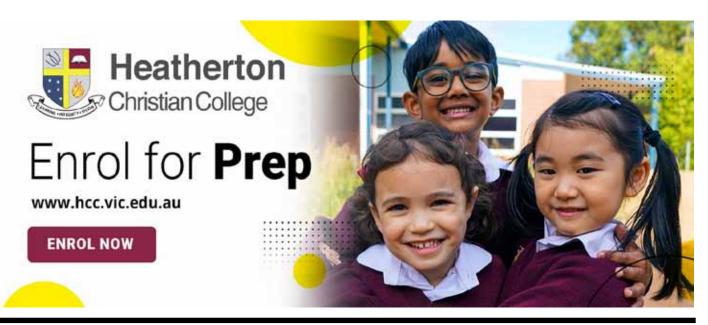
He was also selected for the Dandenong Baseball Association U12s Representative side who were runners up at Victoria Baseball State Winter Championships.

Hunter plays Softball for South Eastern Metro Region in U15s and U17s

and was selected to represent Victoria in Softball at the U12 School 2020/21 Championships and the U14 State team to contest the 2020 national title.

Hunter's continued commitment, dedication and skill has made him a worthy Dingley Junior Sports Star for August. He will now be considered for the Bendigo Bank Dingley Junior Sports Star of the Year.

To nominate a local junior (16 years or younger) for sporting performance in 2019 or 2020 please go to www.dingleysportsclub.com.au





### **MULTICOAT OR ANTI-REFLECTIVE COATING**

One of the common questions asked before purchasing spectacles is "should I get a multicoat on my lenses". While the cost is not trivial, it contributes to a relatively small portion of the overall price. So, how does an anti-reflective or multicoat work and what are the benefits?

A multicoat behaves in a similar way to noise cancelling headphones. Both sound and light have wave-like properties. Noise cancelling headphones measure background noise and produce sound waves that are phase inverted by 180 degrees. These opposing waves nullify or cancel out the unwanted sound. Multicoats, in a similar way, reflect light out of phase that acts to cancel light reflections from both the front and back surface of the lens. This means the lenses look less visible and therefore everything is clearer for you when looking through your glasses. All quality optical lenses such as those found in cameras or binoculars come with a multicoat as standard to enhance vision quality, which is why we will almost always recommend them for your glasses.

How much extra value does noisecancellation add over regular headphones? They'll both produce the sound of whatever you are listening to; there are simply less distractions with noise cancellation. Likewise with spectacles, both coated and uncoated lenses provide the necessary refraction/prescription that facilitates clear vision. However, an anti-reflective lens will create less glare and appear less conspicuous to others. This is particularly relevant if you plan to spend any amount of time in front of screens/devices whilst wearing the lenses or when driving at night as well. We want to reduce the "noise" from other light sources, making it clearer for you and also for people to "see" your eyes. The other major benefit is the UV protection you have with an anti-reflective coating, like sunscreen for your eyes.

Is there a reason not to get a multicoat? Well, if you are likely to be particularly hard on your glasses, multicoats do make scratches on the surface more visible. Bear in mind: They are NOT easier to scratch, in fact they make the lens more scratch resistant and tougher. However, once they become scratched, they are more obvious due to the lens being clearer to look through. Additionally, extreme temperatures can craze the coating, producing a network of fine cracks over the surface. However, these incidents are not overly common.

Overall, the benefits of having an anti-reflective coating far outweigh any potential downside, which is why we will always choose to have it on our own lenses and why we recommend it for you.

At Dingley Eye Centre, we are passionate about your vision and the health of your families' eyes. Book an appointment online or call us, so we can chat more about how anti-reflective coatings might be beneficial for your visual needs and lifestyle. We are an "essential service," what could be more essential than seeing comfortably and clearly. We will continue to be open to assist you during these trying COVID-19 times, with a few adjustments to procedures to ensure that we all stay safe.

Dr Richard Pryor, Darran Yeow, Dr Hashini Seneviratne and the team @ Dingley Eye Centre - your local optometrist. We thank you for your ongoing support! Ph: 9551 4244



### Keep up to date

Interested in what's happening at the former golf course site at Centre Dandenong Road in Dingley Village?

Then please visit our website for up to date and accurate information about maintenance, tree and site management, planning and more.

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- The Project Team



We've been thinking of you and wonder how you're going in these hard times?

Since we're currently unable to connect in person, we're reaching out and saying that we're still here for you and would love to connect in other ways. Our Ministers are only too glad to have a phone conversation and pray with you if that's something you'd like!? If so, please get in contact via our website or email admin@ccd.org.au

Also, let us know if practical help such as a food hamper or a care package is what you need right now. We can help with that too.

If you're looking for some spiritual/scriptural input into your week, please check out our online church services on the **"Christ Church Dingley**" YouTube Channel. More details can be found on our website: www.ccd.org.au

We hope to connect with you soon.

Warm greetings,

From the Ministry Team at Christ Church Dingley (at the roundabout)

Privileged to worship on the land of the Boon Wurrung people.



## 2020 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

### **CARUANA WARD**

The following Section has information on 5 candidates standing for Caruana Ward in the City of Kingston election. As nominations closed after the Dingley Dossier went to print, there may be other candidates, but these five contacted the Dingley Dossier or the Dingley Village Community Association, when the call was put out to potential candidates. We have asked the candidates for information about themselves and their key election issues, as well, the Dingley Village Community Association put 4 questions to the candidates and you can view their responses here. The order in which each candidate's information appears is based on a random draw and no significance should be taken. The opinions and information put forward by candidates, is provided as a service to residents and the Publisher & Editor do not endorse any candidate or the information they provide.



#### **GEORGE HUA**

George studied Computer Science and began his professional career as a software engineer. He currently advises an Australian public listed company on financial technology. George and his wife run a café in Cheltenham and a roastery in Braeside. As your local Councillor, George is a strong advocate for our community.

#### **Election issues:**

- fight against over development including no 3 or more storey development in Dingley Village;
- protect golf courses and green wedge;
- turn landfills into parks to minimise dust and odour;
- educe aircraft noise; and
- improve sporting & community facilities.

The following questions have been put to all candidates by the Dingley Village Community Association

## **1.** What are the most important issues facing Dingley Village?

Protect Dingley Village against overdevelopment, including protecting our golf courses. I moved a motion in 2018 and rejected the Kingswood redevelopment proposal. This doesn't mean the applicant cannot submit another application to the new Council. Our community needs trusted representative to hear their concerns and make decision on their behalf.

## 2. What are your thoughts on three storeys and overdevelopment?

Three or more storeys development should not be allowed in Dingley Village, which has limited access to public transport, school and other infrastructure. Such overdevelopments are not suitable for Dingley. I voted for placing a 2-storey height limit for Dingley which now subjects to approval by the State Government.

## 3. What are the most important facilities Dingley Village needs?

Dingley Village needs extra sporting facilities and improved community amenities. I have worked to deliver the upgrades of Chadwick Reserve, Dingley Library and Harold Box Hall. I will work towards further upgrades of Dingley Community Precinct and Hawthorn Football Club's new headquarter, which includes community ovals and indoor highball stadiums.

## 4. What will you do to support and protect Kingston's Green Wedge and Chain of Parks Strategy?

Kingston's Green Wedge is a valuable local and regional resource. I support the following uses in the Green Wedge: the Chain of Parks concept of open spaces linked by walking and cycling trails, active or passive open spaces, community focused recreation and sporting facilities, sustainable agriculture land, and renewable energy.

To hear more/Contact info: Webpage: www.GeorgeHua.com.au Facebook: www.facebook.com/George-Hua Postal Address: PO Box 5119, Clayton VIC 3168 Email: George.Hua.Kingston@gmail. com Mobile: 0450 210 423



#### JORDAN SMITH

Being a resident of Dingley Village my entire life, I am extremely appreciative to live, work and involve myself in such an awesome community.

As a proud local, I boast about the tremendous facilities, parks and opportunities at our disposal and I hold a great deal of respect for the role that our council plays. Therefore, I would be honoured to assist in actioning a diverse range of needs for our municipality, after considering all interests.

I am currently studying commerce at the University of Melbourne and work part-time as a junior accountant for a local firm.

#### Election issues:

- Preventing inappropriate development
- Protecting our environment and open space
- Maximising value for ratepayers
- Additional sporting facilities
- Improving local facilities and parks

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## 1. What are the most important issues facing Dingley Village?

In recent years, Dingley has faced the threat of invasive developments that

would disrupt the lives of many residents and undoubtedly spoil the 'village' vibe that many hold dear.

Therefore, it is important that a strong plan with harsh consideration for our community is adopted to protect the suburb from any inappropriate alterations.

## 2. What are your thoughts on three storeys and overdevelopment?

Three storeys work well in suburbs that attract large volumes of activity with existing reinforcing infrastructure such as train stations.

To add, I endorse spectacular master planned developments that provide practicality and opportunity for the community.

However, the appropriateness of a development must be considered always. Therefore, I only support sensible projects that are workable with preexisting infrastructure.

I believe that Dingley Village, as a family neighbourhood precinct, should avoid development that could affect residential amenity and people's entitlement to a peaceful existence.

## 3. What are the most important facilities Dingley Village needs?

Dingley Village is passionate about local sporting clubs. Coincidentally, we are a suburb boasting hundreds of acres of green, open space that can facilitate new and improved ovals and sporting facilities.

The Dingley Football Club, a treasured icon in our community, deserves a revamp that will excite our local footballlovers.

Additionally, many of our parks require more functionality. I regret that some of our green, open spaces lack walking paths, shaded areas, flora, and park benches/picnic areas.

Finally, it is important that council looks to implement post-covid support for members of our community struggling to meet their rates.

## 4. What will you do to support and protect Kingston's Green Wedge and Chain of Parks Strategy?

Kingston residents will be excited to see the fantastic 'Chain of Parks' project realised and enjoy old landfill areas transformed into various recreational facilities.

It goes without saying that parks are an ideal use for restored landfills considering there are very limited alternatives otherwise.

Therefore, I will continue to support the council's efforts in protecting Kingston's Green Wedge and Chain of Parks Strategy.

To hear more/contact info: Instagram: @JordanSmithKingston Facebook: Jordan Smith – Candidate for Caruana Ward – City of Kingston Website: https://jordansmithkingston. myportfolio.com/

I would love to hear all suggestions and thoughts that our residents hold. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me personally via my email address below: jordansmithkingston@gmail.com



#### **MIKE CARTY**

As a local Dingley resident, I have raised my family here and understand the past and current issues that affect our community. I have previously played an active role in the community achieving many things. I am not affiliated with any political party and am not here to fool anyone.

#### **Election issues:**

- Upkeep and further develop many facilities and amenities.
- Represent and support those who are disadvantaged including physically, financially, and mentally.
- Be proactive and keep Dingley Village's best interests at the forefront of any council decisions.
- Work as a team with those elected to create the best outcome for Kingston.
- Protect the flora and fauna within the community by not encouraging any form of overdevelopment.

The following questions have been put to all candidates by the Dingley Village Community Association

**1.** What are the most important issues facing Dingley Village?

The Dingley population is over 10,000 people. Within this population certain groups are prevalent including, 19% lone households, 4.49% people needing assistance due to disability, approximately 1200 youth aged 12-18 and an increasing population of 70 - 84-year old's. We should have an active plan to be able to provide additional amenities for these groups and proper care facilities for the elderly within our community, not having some isolated from their families by sending them elsewhere.

## 2. What are your thoughts on three storeys and over development?

Any suggestions that any 3 storey developments are part of any housing/ residential structure proposals should not even be thought of by any planning committee along with over development. A 3-storey home could be 4 levels if a garage is placed below the first floor, this would be 40ft tall. This building height not only goes against all building local law requirements in the Dingley Kingston area but is an oversized blemish in the community.

## 3. What are the most important facilities Dingley Village needs?

There are at least 6 amenities/facility that a community need. These are – transport, healthcare, schools and playgrounds, green space, entertainment, and access to shopping. Dingley has these but some are limited or small compared to the population. The community also needs at least another 2 pedestrian crossings in certain areas for improved safety. Upgrades for the Scout Group, Netball courts and KH Wearne reserve to name a few, should also be put into motion.

#### Q4. What will you do to support and protect Kingston's Green Wedge and Chain of Parks Strategy?

As an advocate for the closure of tips and concrete crushing since 2003 in the Dingley/Kingston area, the Kingston Green Wedge and Chain of Parks has had and will continue to have my full support. Over time landfill areas have been turned into linked parks that offer different recreational activities, public open space, bike paths and Council is currently looking into the need for equestrian facilities.

#### To hear more/Contact info: Facebook: Mike Carty (@mikecarty2020) Email: mikecarty2020@outlook.com



#### NICK SPITZER

G'Day, I've lived in Dingley Village for most of my life and I have loved growing up in such a friendly and vibrant community. As a local I understand the needs and wants of our community I will be a voice that truly tells the council what the people of Caruana Ward really want.

#### 5 main election points:

- 1. Ensure a fierce community advocate to keep Kingswood GC a green open space
- 2. Ensure our local sports teams have the support from council they deserve
- 3. Fight for a small business relief fund
- Push for more support for ratepayers who are out of work or who are struggling.
- 5. Elect a councillor who will put you first, above big developers

The following questions have been put to all candidates by the Dingley Village Community Association

## **1.** What are the most important issues facing Dingley Village?

The Future of Kingswood Golf Course, we need a councillor that will be a fierce advocate for the community. The Housing and development Strategy, local residents have said loud and clear they do not want any overdevelopment in Dingley Village. We need proper management of the Moorabbin Airport training flightpaths over Dingley Village and making sure that Mentone and Cheltenham share the load with Dingley Village. Preservation of the Green Wedge.

## 2. What are your thoughts on three storeys and overdevelopment?

I am in sync with the community on the question of three storeys; Dingley Village does not want overdevelopment or any three story apartment blocks looming over our area. We want to maintain the village culture and atmosphere that we have formed here, and that cannot survive if overdevelopment in our village is allowed. I will never accept any donations or hospitality from property developers, and I believe all candidates should make the same commitment.

## 3. What are the most important facilities Dingley Village needs?

I believe that our sporting facilities and the Neighbourhood Centre are vital facilities in our community which provide thousands with an opportunity to connect and enjoy the company of their neighbours. Furthermore if elected I will follow through with the council's decision to upgrade the pavilion at Dingley Village Reserve. In addition I will push to upgrade the pavilion at Rowan Road Reserve and deliver stage two development of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood House

## 4. What will you do to support and protect Kingston's Green Wedge and Chain of Parks Strategy?

If elected, I will fight tooth and nail to ensure that the Green Wedge Open Space Chain of Parks Project is progressed. I will also make sure our existing parks are maintained sufficiently, and I will push to upgrade our existing parks and green spaces to ensure that they bring as much joy to the community as possible. Council needs to examine how to attract more community oriented public uses in the green wedge.

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#### SCOTT LOWTHER

I have lived in the Dingley area for over 25 years, raising my family while actively involved in the local sporting community with my last major role being secretary of the Dingley Football Netball club. I also have extensive business improvement experience that I can bring to the councillor's role. I have been at the forefront in getting upgrades to change rooms, oval lighting, junior sports ground and attention on pavilion upgrades.

The following questions have been put to all candidates by the Dingley Village Community Association

## 1. What are the most important issues facing Dingley Village?

- Kingswood Golf course
- Residential strategy and neighbourhood character study
- Pavilion redevelopment(s)
- DVNC stage 2
- Supporting local community groups
- Green wedge / chain of parks
- Water park proposal
- Hawthorn Football Club
- Mordialloc Freeway
- Airport noise
  - Value for money with rates
- Rubbish
- Graffiti
- Crime

Happy to hear from the community on any other issues not raised above.

## 2. What are your thoughts on three storeys and overdevelopment?

Being mindful of the law that would preclude me from voting on issues where it is perceived I have made up my mind prior to any proposal, let me say I am against inappropriate development in our village and will be a strong advocate of community views on any proposals.

### 3. What are the most important facilities Dingley Village needs?

- Passionate about all sports and activities that keep young and old active and engaged in the community.
- Used by over 700 boys, girls, women and men, the Souter and Chadwick Oval pavilions are a must.
- Stage 2 of the Neighbourhood Centre
- Fully investigate the possibility of 18 hole public golf course at Kingswood
- Look to make pathways and cycle tracks in the area "child safe".

#### 4. What will you do to support and protect Kingston's Green Wedge and Chain of Parks Strategy?

I fully support the chain of parks strategy and duty of disclosure; have commenced the planning for building my home in the green wedge. For this reason I cannot vote on any item to alter my financial position. I can support community views on Frasers, Water Park & Hawthorn FC.

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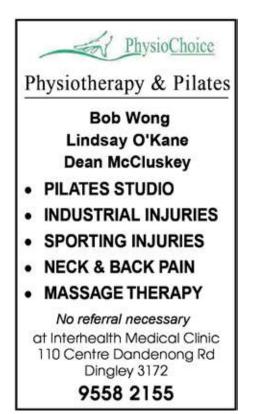
## NEVER LET A GOOD CRISIS GO TO WASTE

As the Victorian economy struggles through the Coronavirus shutdown, one question keeps coming up: Are property prices about to crash?

Of course there are always the doomsday headline seekers. Professor Steve Keen has been predicting a 40% fall in Australian house prices "within 5 years" since the GFC in 2008. He is infamous for having bet on it happening. Which he lost, subsequently walking from Canberra to the top of Mt Kosciuszko as his punishment.

That does not stop him continuing to predict the same thing (without betting on it). I suspect such predictions are more about headline seeking than genuine analytical forecasting.

Over the years I have conducted many investment property seminars, aimed at assisting aspiring property investors in their education of the market. Questions on the projected path of property prices have always featured in such seminars. In the current uncertain economic environment, it is worth re-



visiting some of the key metrics behind such forecasting.

Firstly we need to be realistic - population growth, low unemployment and low interest rates have been supporting property prices over recent years – and now two out of those three have been smashed by Covid-19. That will affect supply and demand for property.

If our international borders remain closed for years, limiting population growth, then total demand for property will decrease. If unemployment is to be double digit long term without comprehensive government support then demand for property purchase will decrease.

Will those two problems both remain long term? I doubt it. But they could.

What I do know is firstly that interest rates will remain low for the foreseeable future, and secondly that I have clients lining up ready to take advantage of expected opportunities.

There will be some forced sales. There will also be first home buyers, and investors, looking to take advantage of that.

It is also important to remember there is not one property market, there are many.

There will be better buying opportunities in inner city apartments than there will be for established middle ring suburban houses in Dingley Village, particularly those with a designated study area.

Area demographics will also impact differently. New estate areas with higher loan to value ratios are at higher risk than long established areas. Suburbs with a higher percentage of investment properties will be more at risk. Highend luxury property is always a more volatile market, I would expect that to again be true.

I believe within this volatility and market pressure we will see a drop in property prices within a 10-15% range. That is not calamitous and will be recovered. It is an opportunity, not a disaster: There will be individual properties available for purchase at a greater discount for those ready to act.

How long will the volatility last? Tell me when a reliable vaccine will be available, and I will answer that.

What I can say right now is that this is the time for you to take action. You need to assess your current position. The next six months may provide an opportunity for you which may never be presented again. Perhaps you are an aspiring first home buyer, or an aspiring upgrader, or an aspiring investor.

You need to get yourself ready for opportunity. As Winston Churchill once said – referencing the dark days of World War II - *never let a good crisis go to waste*.

#### Daryl Borden QPIA\*

\*Daryl is a graduate of the Professional Investment Professionals of Australia (PIPA) accreditation program, recognised as the only 'diploma level' Qualified Property Investment Adviser course available. He also 'practices what he preaches' with a multiple property investment portfolio.





## THE FUTURE FOR 'RETIREMENT'

Research over recent years suggests that the secret to a long and healthy life is to continue working and to stay in control of your finances and life. The nature of work may change – fewer hours, less stress, new career – and with good planning it is possible to have all the good things associated with retirement such as more leisure, time with family, travel and new activities.

No government can afford to support the Baby Boomer generation through retirement. Paying pensions for longer life spans is not sustainable. In 1905 the average life expectancy was 55.2 years for men and 58.8 for women. The age pension was introduced from 1909 and

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was available from age 65 so most people did not qualify.

However, a century later the average life expectancy for a 65-year-old is 84.8 years for men and 87.5 for women. To address this the eligible age has been gradually increasing since July 2017 until it reaches 67 from 1 July 2023 for both men and women.

Further measures to encourage older people to keep working include tighter eligibility for income support before age pension age; an incentive payment to employers to hire eligible mature aged workers; tax-free superannuation after age 60; ability to access superannuation as a pension before retirement; and increasing the age when superannuation can be accessed.

Our leaders are also concerned about the shrinking pool of workers in a growing economy. In 2015, there were 4.5 workers for every person over age 65. By 2055 it is projected that this ratio will have halved to just 2.7 workers.

But look on the bright side. There will be a significant opportunity arising from Australians working longer. The 2015 Intergenerational Report predicted that

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by 2055, 17.3% of those aged 65+ will be working, an increase from the 12.9% in 2015. This will ensure a positive impact on productivity levels, contributing to a stronger economy.

This doesn't mean Australians have to work harder during their later years. Technology has made many jobs much easier, and most of us struggle to even imagine what it will be doing for us in 40 years' time.

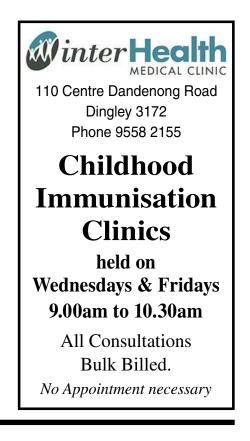
The reality is that many people who retire to a life of leisure too early end up disillusioned. This resentment can create ill-health and ironically, the years they were hoping to spend enjoying life, can be unexpectedly cut short.

Research shows being active and engaged in life leads to a healthier and longer life. This doesn't have to be paid employment but for some of us it is what provides the challenge and excitement. Many people who could retire today choose to keep working for the love of it, or if money is no longer an issue, offering their experience and knowledge in volunteer roles.

Maybe there will soon come a time when the word "retirement" will disappear from our vocabularies because more people will want to keep on keeping on.

#### Richard Vaughan

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#### As restrictions alter please check with individual clubs for any changes or updates

#### **PROBUS CLUB** DINGLEY CENTRAL



meeting was in March and at that time we did not anticipate we would be unable to meet again to enjoy our social activities, restaurants, music shows or day tours over all these months.

However, the club has remained active and members have enjoyed novel ways of keeping in touch. We have enjoyed informal video chats over a cuppa, viewed video performances by artists on-line and newsletters have been emailed. We are fortunate to have some computer savvy members who can support others in need. To ensure our members without the internet haven't been left out, they have received telephone calls and posted newsletters.

When we are allowed to resume our meetings will be 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 more information about Dingley Central Probus please contact our secretary, Ruth, on 9587 0432.

#### **DINGLEY 60 PLUS SOCIAL** GROUP

The current restrictions have forced the Group into temporary lockdown with the closure of our weekly meeting venue and other places that we would normally frequent for entertainment and meals. When we are able to resume our activities it will be back to business as usual.



Our activities are suitable for those in the 60 plus age group and provide an opportunity to socialise with your peers. The week would start on a Thursday night from 7.30 pm in the Sports Bar of the Dingley International Hotel (DIH) where you can join the Group for a casual chat and a drop of your preferred beverage.

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.

For our members and the Dossier readers try to keep in touch with your friends and relatives in these trying and restrictive times.

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.

PS - Will we have to be renamed Dingley 61 Plus Social Group?

### Express Click and Collect @ Kingston Libraries

Express Click and Collect is available at Kingston Libraries.

At this stage the service will only be available at 3 branches - Cheltenham, Parkdale and Chelsea.

From Monday 28 September you can place your holds for the items you are interested in using our online catalogue or by calling 1300 135 668 and speaking to one of our friendly library staff.\*

Library staff will send out a hold notification via email or SMS when items are ready to collect.

You can start collecting your items from either Cheltenham, Chelsea or Parkdale libraries via Express Click and Collect service from Monday 5 October.

\*Please note: Holds can only be placed in advance via our online catalogue, Kingston Libraries' mobile app available from the Apple App Store and Google Play <u>Store</u>, or by calling <u>1300 135 668</u> from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. No items can be requested on site.

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#### COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DINGLEY VILLAGE "All Women, All Ages, All



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With the current restrictions in force, in an effort to control the spread of COVID 19, our members have been unable to hold their regular monthly meetings and various other activities including our craft mornings. Members support one another by keeping in touch by email and by phone.

We have also been busy swapping patterns and making face masks to keep ourselves and the community safe.

It has been difficult to plan too far ahead, but we hope that we will be able to meet again soon. Our meetings are normally held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Dingley Village Neighborhood Centre and on the 2nd Wednesday morning of the month at a member's home for craft.

In the meantime we hope Dossier readers and their families keep well and stay safe.

If you would like more information about the CWA or would like to become a member, you can contact President Carmel Mullen on 9796 2897 or Secretary Diana Muir on 0409 031 942.

#### DINGLEY VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INCORPORATED

There is little to report this month.

We hope that you are all still keeping well, safe and happy!

It is so nice when you go walking (for exercise of course!) and see all the lovely spring gardens, blossoms and flowers out as the weather now is getting warmer.

Hopefully, the number of new cases



stay down and we will be allowed to meet up in November.

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.

#### LIONS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE



We are in need of new members, a great opportunity to help your community.

Our fundraiser this year is the Entertainment Book at a cost of \$70.00. This can be purchased as a digital copy, and great savings can be had. (Hard copy books not available this year). The application can be purchased through www. entbook.com.au/9121w52. The money raised will go towards ongoing Lions' projects. Many of our normal fundraising activities have been cancelled due to the coronavirus, making this fundraiser important to our club.

For any enquiries please contact Lynne – 9551 3770 /0488 004 809.

dingleylions@gmail.com

#### DINGLEY CHELTENHAM VIEW CLUB (Voice Interests



Education of Women)

Women of all ages are invited to join our monthly meetings, which include a guest speaker followed by morning tea, once restrictions are lifted.

Where; Keysborough Golf Club, 55 Hutton Rd Keysborough.

When: Second Tuesday of the month.



#### Time: 10am till 11.30am approx.

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

#### **PROBUS CLUB OF** DINGLEY VILLAGE INC.



We will meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Dingley Sports and Social Club at Souter Oval, from 10.00am once restrictions are lifted. 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.

#### BOOMERANG **BAGS, DINGLEY** VILLAGE



Our aim is to REDUCE waste, REUSE quality shopping bags and RECYCLE fabric.

Boomerang Bags Dingley Village is a community group who create reusable shopping bags from donated recycled fabrics. So far, our small group of volunteers has made over 1400 FREE shopping bags for our community. You can help yourself to one of our FREE bags at the Dingley Village Farmers market or pick one up at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre reception.



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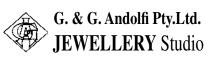
The group meets each Thursday morning, once restrictions are lifted, at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 9:30-12pm and the 4th Sunday of the month 2-5pm. If you have clean sheets or fabrics you would like to donate then please contact Debbie 0411 058 804 or Helen 0425 862 718.

#### DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED

The Shed is currently closed and will reopen when restrictions are lifted

Member's Morning Muster: Friday, 9am till 2pm.

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At KCC, we are vitally interested and concerned for young people as they transition into adulthood. We understand that every young person needs a place to connect – a "tribe" that helps them safely explore the questions of life.

Even more so in this highly challenging season as we deal with isolation, distancing and lockdowns due to the Covid-19 crisis. Our amazing group of young adults still meets weekly supporting and encouraging each other on their life journey via Zoom.

When we are free to meet again, we welcome all those aged between 18-25 who want to explore and connect with an incredible group of people who love discussing issues, encouraging each other, enjoying great food, and spending heaps of time just hanging out together. In the meantime, you're welcome to tune in to our online services via FaceBook or YouTube, and join with us as we Live Stream on Sunday mornings at 10am.

If you have any questions about KCC or would like to know more about Young Adults, feel free to make contact at the details above.



#### VILLAGE CHURCH DINGLEY

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Our Church program for OCTOBER is as follows:

#### SUNDAYS

10.00 a.m. Worship Service using livestream link: https://villagechurchau.faithlifesites.com/live

#### MONTHLY LADIES GROUPS:

\* **Homemakers** – not on for the time being

"Sisters in Christ" Ladies Group – 7.30-9pm. Fellowship and sharing. Monday 12th October via Zoom. Contact Office for details.

#### LIFE GROUPS:

\*Tuesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 13th and 27th October. Contact office for Zoom link.

\*Wednesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 7th and 21st October. Contact office for Zoom link.

Sunday nights – 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 7-8.30pm. 4th and 18th October. Contact office for Zoom link.

#### PRAYER TIME:

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am via Zoom link. Contact office for link.

Monthly –Saturday 17th October; 9-10am and Monday 19th October 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom link. Contact office for links.

#### BIBLE STUDY:

\*The Excellent Wife study (Martha Peace) – Wednesdays weekly 12.30pm-2pm via Zoom. Contact office for Zoom link.

\*Women's – Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Thursdays fortnightly 10-11.30am and 2.30-4pm via Zoom, 15th and 29th October. Contact office for Zoom link.

\*Open – Fortnightly Thursdays 8th and 22nd October on the Gospel of Luke via Zoom. Contact office for Zoom link. \*Not held during school holidays.

#### MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT:

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

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

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Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Truong Nguyen OFM Conv.

The Church is presently closed due to the social distancing regulations, but if you have any enquiries, please contact the Friars at St Mark's or St Joseph's.

**Baptism:** Bookings through the St. Joseph's Parish Office, Springvale (9547 4877).

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 Lisieux Doctor
- 5th St Faustina Kowalska Divine Mercy
- 7th Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9th St John Henry Newman
- 15th St Theresa of Avila
- 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque
- 17th St Ignatius of Antioch
- 22nd St John Paul II Pope
- 28th Sts Simon & Jude Apostles



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(Past services are accessible here also)

If we can be of assistance to you in any way please feel free to make contact with us – whether for prayer support or in need of a Care Package to help put food on the table, or someone to talk with. This is a time for us to all pull together as a community. If we can't help with your particular need, we will refer you to someone who can. God bless you!

#### **Church Office:**

For all enquiries contact the office: 9551 7871

#### Ministers:

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

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#### Our Mission

The Salvation Army Australia is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus, by caring for people, creat-



ing faith pathways, building healthy communities, & working for justice.

#### **Our Vision**

Wherever there is hardship or injustice Salvos will live, love and fight alongside others to transform Australia one life at a time, with the love of Jesus.

#### FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

If you would like to receive a video link to our Sunday worship services, or a Sunday worship pack sent by mail, please email steph.glover@salvationarmy.org. au or phone 0414 430 414 and we will be in touch.

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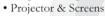


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