



# The DINGLEY DOSSIER

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## HALL AND LIBRARY TO REOPEN

After a year of relocation or closure, works are finally coming to an end and Dingley Village residents will have a beautiful modern facility. Residents were able to have a sneak peek during the Farmers' Market on the 15th February with staff from City of Kingston and the Neighbourhood Centre on site to provide tours and answer questions.

The refurbished facility has been designed to flow and extend outdoors and will include indoor, outdoor library space, which also flows into the large foyer where comfortable furniture will encourage residents to sit and relax whilst reading or using free data and Wi-Fi. The new Art space fills with light during the day due to the multiple walls of glass which fold back opening up the space and also the foyer to the extensive decking. The Harold Box Hall has not been forgotten, and is unrecognisable as the old red brick hall. The Parquetry floor has been restored, the hall can be divided into smaller spaces, plus new modern kitchen will make catering for functions and events a lot easier.

City of Kingston are to be congratulated on providing a beautiful community space and the Dingley Dossier encourages residents to utilise these facilities, especially the library.

If you missed out on getting a sneak peek, the hall will again be open, but no guided tours, during the Farmers' Market on the 21st March. Neighbourhood Centre activities will commence late February with library opening in late March.



**FARMERS' MARKET 21<sup>st</sup> March 8.30 am – 1 pm**

## 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**

WIRE

(Women's Information and Referral  
Exchange):

**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



## ALL WEATHER OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT NEEDED

Dingley Village needs a new outdoor basketball court or courts. During the redevelopment of the hall and library, the basketball court in the Marcus Rd was often used for parking and with increased usage of new library and hall expected, cars will continue to park on the court.

The current basketball court is not fit for purpose, the surface is uneven

and breaking up meaning players are at risk of injury, the surface also damages basketballs. After feedback from adults, adolescents and children using the current court, the Board of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre hope to join with the Community Association to lobby City of Kingston to build one or two outdoor basketball courts on the Spring Road Reserve.



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## DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE SURVEY

The Neighbourhood Centre is seeking community feedback via a survey, about its programs and services. See page 5.

The survey will help to identify community needs and expectations as the centre plans its programs and activities beyond 2020. The survey is available in multiple formats, tear out page in this edition of the Dingley Dossier, paper copies can be picked up at the Neighbourhood Centre 31B Marcus Rd, via link at [www.dvnc.com.au](http://www.dvnc.com.au) or via this link <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5445524/DVNC-Community-Survey-2020>

You can return completed paper surveys to the Neighbourhood Centre by the close of the survey on 31st March.

Residents who participate in the survey have the chance to win one of three \$50 Visa Gift Cards

## LIBRARY SERVICES

The new Dingley Village Library hope to reopen this month and we encourage all residents to utilise this beautiful new library. Don't forget, you can drop off and

collect library books from the Neighbourhood Centre Office, Mon – Friday 9am – 3pm until library reopens. Library staff are at the Centre Mondays 2.30 – 3.30pm to assist and answer any questions.

Library books ordered online are available for collection after 2.30pm the following Monday.



## TINY TOTS STORY TIME

Come and enjoy songs, rhymes, stories and finger play with your little one. Enjoy the company of other babies and parents in an entertaining twenty minute session. Get first choice of new books for toddlers and babies. Tiny Tots Story time is suitable for children aged 0-24 months. Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Mondays 2.30 pm



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**10.30AM - 12.30PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH**

Join us at Baldwin Living Spring Gardens, 387-421 Spring Road, Dingley Village for a vegetarian cooking demonstration with with Ebony McCorkell, Accredited Practising Dietitian – EB Nutrition B. Health Sciences, M.Nutr&Diet.

- **Lentil Bolognese,**
- **Sweet Corn Fritters with chilli jam & avocado cream**
- **Black Bean Brownies**

You will also have the opportunity to meet our residents, tour the retirement village and inspect our facilities.

Please RSVP to Jen or Teresa - 03 8558 1654

**387-421 Spring Rd, Dingley Village**  
**T: (03) 8558 1654**  
**E: [sales@baldwinliving.com.au](mailto:sales@baldwinliving.com.au)**  
**w: [baldwinliving.com.au](http://baldwinliving.com.au)**



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## KINGSTON ANNOUNCES A FUNDING PACKAGE TO HELP BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECTS

Kingston Council has announced a range of initiatives and funding commitments to help support recovery projects around the State following the recent devastating bushfires.

Included in the assistance package will be a one-off \$50,000 allocation to a recovery project in one of the affected shires and a donation to be shared equally between Wildlife Victoria and Zoos Victoria from the proceeds of the Mordialloc Festival gold coin entry and the Bushfire Fundraiser Wine Sales at the Kingston Arts' Pop Up Bar.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley expressed Council's sympathy to the people and communities who suffered losses from the bushfires and said the Kingston community want to do whatever they can to support the affected people in the long recovery process.

"The absolute generosity of our community and the way everyone has come together has been incredible to see," Cr Oxley said. "Local businesses have been donating whatever they can, thousands of dollars' worth of food and other products, and sending them out to communities in need."

The City of Kingston also promised to continue to make staff available to assist affected Councils throughout Victoria.

"We will continue to do whatever we can to help those communities recovering from the devastating bushfires including other local councils who need our support

to deliver vital services to their residents," said Cr Oxley.

### Council's bushfire recovery initiatives include:

- Allocate \$50,000 to a recovery project to be determined in consultation with the Shire of Towong
- Donate the proceeds of the 2020 Mordialloc Festival gold coin entry and the proceeds from the Bushfire Fundraiser Wine Sales at Kingston Arts' Pop Up Bar to Wildlife Victoria (Victorian Bushfire Appeal) and Zoos Victoria (Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund)
- Waive Council facility hire fees for bushfire fundraising efforts by community groups to 30 June 2020

### AWARDS HONOUR LOCAL LEADERS

Kingston honoured some of its unsung heroes on Australia Day with the announcement of the Kingston Citizen of the Year and Kingston Community Group of the Year Awards.

The Awards celebrate the many people and groups in our community that give tirelessly of their time and talents to help make Kingston a better place.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said the Australia Day Awards aimed to showcase people going above and beyond in their community. "It's great to hear positive, uplifting stories of people giv-

ing their all to make Kingston a fantastic place to live," Cr Oxley said. "We have some amazing volunteers in Kingston and these awards are a great way to thank them for their efforts and acknowledge the positive impact they make."

This year Citizen of the Year nominees included sports club volunteers, a multicultural leader, environmentalists, life saving patroller, volunteer librarian, philanthropist and a community advocate. They were: Brian Hunt, Feliciano Roxas, Felix Jia, Cr Geoff Gledhill, Helen Hollis, Julia Reichstein, Les Baguley and Noble (Bill) David. Community groups nominated were Dingley Village Men's Shed, Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch, Friends of Mordialloc College – Historical Society and Community Group, Legends of the Skies.

Citizen of the Year: Helen Hollis - A pillar of local sport

Kingston Community Group of the Year Award – Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch

### MORDIALLOC ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE TO BE EXTENDED TO 24 HOURS

Kingston Council have introduced a 24-hour alcohol-free zone in the Mordialloc foreshore area to ensure the popular precinct remains a safe environment for the whole community all year round.

The decision to extend the current alcohol-free ban follows a request from Victoria Police to consider a year-round 24-hour ban to assist officers in tackling an increase in alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in Mordialloc.

Kingston Council sought community feedback to the proposal before voting to approve the changes to the alcohol-free zone at its January meeting.



**SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES.** Putting it on should be the first thing you do when you get into a car. Already this year six people haven't made it home because they didn't buckle up. Please, for the sake of your friends and family, don't forget your seat belt.

**Theft** from and theft of motor vehicles continues to occur across Kingston. Car thieves are often opportunistic and take advantage when your guard is down, but there are a few simple prevention measures that you can take, so that you don't give crime the key.

- 1) Lock your home when you enter or leave, including the door from the garage to your house, and place your keys out of sight in the home.
- 2) Remove all valuables from sight in your car, including tools of trade
- 3) Always lock your car
- 4) Fit one-way screws on your number plate to prevent number plate theft, which can be used in other crimes
- 5) Secure your keys - in many cases, cars are only stolen when keys are obtained

In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000) or to report an incident call the Police Assistance Line on 131444.



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

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# DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE SURVEY

Survey closes 31st March, please return to office DVNC 31B Marcus Rd.

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**1) Are you familiar with the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre?**

Yes very familiar             Somewhat familiar             Not familiar

**2) Do you currently (within the past 12 months) use the Neighbourhood Centre?**

Yes                             No Go to Q4

**3) If you answered yes please tick what you used the Neighbourhood Centre for (please select all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Community group activity/ meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Access                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Market                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgroup                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise/ Keep Fit classes        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal & Child Health Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational classes               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling/ drop off donations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi Hotspot                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-school activities           | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U3A Kingston                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Tennis                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Service                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Art/ Craft groups                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tai Chi                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Calisthenics                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book exchange                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Make A Difference Dingley Village |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Kingston Workshop       | <input type="checkbox"/> Writers Group                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> private function                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Write In: _____         |  |

**4) If you have not used the Neighbourhood Centre in the past 12 months, have you ever?**

Yes                             No go to Q6

**5) If Yes why have you stopped using the Neighbourhood Centre?**

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**6) If No why?**

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**7) Would you like to see the Neighbourhood Centre provide the following? Please select all that apply?**

Community Garden

Drama group/ club

One on One computer skills help

Classes/ Workshops Go to Q 8

Other - Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

**8) What classes or workshops would you like?**

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**9) If you have a tweens/teens, what programs might you like to see?**

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**10) Do you read the Dingley Dossier?**

Yes

No

**11) Does the Dingley Dossier provide relevant information about what is happening in the village?**

Yes

No

**12) What do you like about the Dingley Dossier?**

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**13) What don't you like about the Dingley Dossier?**

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**14) What is your gender?**

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**15) What is your age?**

Under 18    18 – 24    25 – 40    41 – 55    56 – 70    71+

**16) Contact details to go into draw for \$50 Visa Gift Card (optional)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_





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# DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## SPRING ROAD RESERVE DEVELOPMENTS - PLANTING PLAN

The improvements continue at the Spring Road Reserve, with a draft Planting Plan now prepared by AECOM, to be implemented by Council in association with the DVCA.

Spring Road Reserve, designated by Council as a recreational park, when fully developed will comprise; open space, walking and cycling paths, a dog exercise area, shelters /seating and car parking.

As the park is a former tip site, with a cap soil covering, no deep rooted vegetation (trees with tap roots) will be planted in the park to protect the soil cap integrity. Local indigenous plant species common to the Gippsland Plain Damp Sand Rich Woodland and other native plant species have been carefully identified in the Plan to suit the park site, providing border screening and plantings throughout the park.

Over the next year, in accordance with the Plan, Council would commence to establish vegetation plantings in the park,

with soil preparation, mulching and the planting of native species to be undertaken.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

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: [dvnc@satlink.com.au](mailto:dvnc@satlink.com.au) and leave your name and contact details, (email, phone number) so we can follow up.

## KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE PARK UPDATE

The Planning Minister has set up a Golf Course Advisory Committee to consider applications for development proposals on Golf Courses. We expect Kingswood Golf Course will be considered in the first quarter of 2020. Given Kingswood is not zoned residential and 97 percent of respondents are against re-zoning,

we anticipate a good result. We will however make a very strong presentation for Dingley Village if the matter appears before Council or the Victorian Planning Department.

Kevin Poulter, President, Save Kingswood Group Inc., [www.dingley1.com](http://www.dingley1.com)

## ROWAN ROAD / WESTALL ROAD INTERSECTION - DRIVING SAFETY ISSUE

Detector loops were installed by VicRoads in 2017 on Rowan Rd and in the median opening on Westall Rd. The detector loops were installed following a number of accidents and fatalities at this intersection.

Detectors are wire loops located just under the road surface, which sense the metal in vehicles. When vehicles stop at the Rowan Rd intersection, these detector loops / sensors trigger the pedestrian crossing lights at the intersection and stop traffic. This provides motorists with time for safer turning movements into and out of Rowan Road, which is an important access road for Dingley Village.

However there is a short wait time before the crossing lights are triggered by the vehicle sensor detectors - IT IS NOT INSTANTANEOUS.

**It is important to be patient when using this intersection and wait until the crossing lights have been triggered and enter this intersection safely and with care.** Please remember this intersection has been extremely dangerous with 10 crashes and 2 fatalities occurring here between 2011 and 2016.

## DVCA

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

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.

## DVCA Contact Details

Please note our new DVCA website please check it out: [www.dvca.info](http://www.dvca.info)

For further information: contact the Chairman/Sec by e mail: [david@llidam.net](mailto:david@llidam.net)



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# FARMERS' MARKET

Our next market on Saturday 21st March in the forecourt of the Neighbourhood Centre and incorporating 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 and scrumptious food available what more could you want



There will be **FREE FACEPAINTING & JUMPING CASTLE** at March market, to celebrate our move back to front of the reserve.

The forecourt and new facilities provide a picturesque location for the market and many residents took the opportunity to look through the new facilities at the February market.

Along with our regular stallholders, we welcomed three new stallholders at our February market. Jon and his team from Farce Charcuterie, make various terrines, pates, black pudding and pickles using the finest ingredients around. Our new fruit stall with fresh in season apples and peaches were a hit with customers and who can resist Dutch pancakes.



If pancakes are not enough to banish the hunger pains they also sell Shakshuka, a one-skillet dish of eggs poached in a smoky, spicy, vegetable-laden tomato sauce.

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



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.



## Feedback from recent happy customer:

*Convenient location. Fresh food With the market being set up in its real space this weekend it was welcoming, and had some great produce...bread, veggies, fruit for lunchboxes with no plastic! Devine cheeses, and my daughters favourite the cupcakes!  
We will be back next market!*



**DINGLEY VILLAGE  
FARMERS'  
MARKET**

**SATURDAY  
21st March**

**8.30AM—1 PM**

**31 Marcus Rd,  
Dingley Village**

**Free entry & parking**

[www.dvnc.com.au/farmersmarket](http://www.dvnc.com.au/farmersmarket)

## DINGLEY JUNIOR SPORTS STAR

Dingley Sports & Recreation Club Dingley Junior Spots Star for January is Jeremiah Jeanes.

Jeremiah was the Victorian Schools State Triple Jump Bronze medallist.

This was an outstanding achievement considering Jeremiahs background.

A trampolining accident three years ago left Jeremiah with stress fractures of the back. He missed all sport that year and attempted a return to athletics 2018. Unfortunately whilst competing in Little Athletics, he again was hospitalised due to his back injury. That meant no sport for the year and plenty of treatment. Devastating for the sports loving Jeremiah.

2019 saw Jeremiah running again. As the year progressed he went through the levels of athletic competition. He won 6 events at his school sports from which he chose Discus and Triple Jump to take to the Division Competition.

Given his injury setbacks Jeremiahs results were outstanding.

In the Divisional he placed 1st in both events, 1st for Triple Jump and 2nd for Discus at the Regionals and Bronze medal for the Triple Jump at the State Championships.

Jeremiah, now competing in Athletics Victoria events, is an athlete to watch as he progresses through the grades.

**CONGRATULATIONS JEREMIAH!**



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# Curiosity. Conversation. Community.

## COUNCIL EVENT:

**Social Cohesion and  
Interfaith Dialogue  
in Local Government**

Wednesday 25 March  
6pm - 8pm

Shirley Burke Theatre  
64 Parkers Rd  
Parkdale

### RSVP:

Elisabetta Robecchi  
P: 9581 4783  
E: [elisabetta.robecchi@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:elisabetta.robecchi@kingston.vic.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**2020 Spirit Harmony  
Multicultural Festival**

Saturday 21 March  
2pm - 8pm

Kingston City Hall  
979 Nepean Hwy  
Moorabbin

### RSVP:

Nawal Moudgil  
P: 0404 989 336  
E: [skgainfo@gmail.com](mailto:skgainfo@gmail.com)

**National Close the  
Gap Day- Family Day**

Saturday 21 March  
11am - 3pm

Derrimut Weelam  
Gathering Place  
199 Beach Rd, Mordialloc

### RSVP:

Gulay Cevik  
P: 9782 7633  
E: [GCevik@cbchs.org.au](mailto:GCevik@cbchs.org.au)

**Celebrate Cultural  
Diversity with  
Community**

Friday 27 March  
11am - 2pm

Clarinda Community Cntr  
58b Viney Street  
Clarinda

### RSVP:

Anna Wang  
P: 0408 397 221  
E: [ahcw123@hotmail.com](mailto:ahcw123@hotmail.com)

For further information contact Kingston's Community Development team  
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# LOCAL SPORTS



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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.

For more info please call 9547 4839 or email [admin@dingleytennisclub.com.au](mailto:admin@dingleytennisclub.com.au).



## DINGLEY FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

The buzz around the football club is growing as the 2020 season approaches.

Women's Football has taken off in a huge way across the nation and your local club is about to join the ranks. Plans are underway to field a Dingley-Heatherton combined women team for the coming season. Over many years, the Dingley and Heatherton men have slugged it out

in fierce local contests, so it is appropriate that it takes the ladies to come together to form a combined team.

This is an exciting step into the future of our great game and your great club, so we encourage any and all girls over eighteen years to get involved.

Please log onto the Dingley Football Netball Club Facebook page for more details. Our fabulous football sponsors are also listed so please support those businesses who support us.

After an extensive search, the football club has also been able to appoint Jarrod Best, an experienced coach at various levels as our Under 19's coach. Jarrod has just come on board to mentor and develop the club's future senior players. We wish him well in this vital role.

The 2020 SFNL Division one fixture has just been finalised and the season proper kicks off on Saturday April 4. Our 2019 Senior and Reserves flags will be unfurled against Highett at Souter Oval.

We would love to see a massive turn out to recognise our recent success and hopefully celebrate a good start to our premiership defence. The full SFNL fixture is on their website.

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# DOLLARS & SENSE



## RETIRE AT 65 BUT DON'T RETIRE YOUR MONEY

Australian retirees are facing a 'double whammy' when it comes to funding their retirement. On the one hand we, as a nation, are enjoying longer and healthier lives. On the other hand, record low interest rates have slashed the returns on the traditional bedrocks of post-retirement investment portfolios such as term deposits, cash management accounts and annuities. *Let's take a look at Dave and Linda...*

### A dilemma

This is the dilemma facing Dave and Linda. On the point of retirement these fit and active 65 year olds are looking forward to regular overseas travel while maintaining their comfortable lifestyle. They estimate this will cost them \$80,000 per year, to be funded from their combined retirement savings of \$1 million. Both are in good health, and realise there's a high likelihood that one or both of them could live well into their 90s.

Naturally, Dave and Linda's first thought is about security and capital preservation. This leads them to look at investing their funds in a portfolio mainly comprising income-producing

investments that will spare them from the volatility of share and property markets. However they quickly discover that, with interest rates so low, it will be difficult to achieve a return of just 3% per annum.

A simple financial calculation shows that if they draw \$80,000 each year from a portfolio with this low rate of return, the money will run out in just under 16 years. This strategy will see them barely make it into their 80s.

### Time for a rethink

This highlights to Dave and Linda that longevity risk is as much of a threat as investment risk. To address the risk of outliving their money, Dave and Linda consider a portfolio that, while retaining some conservative investments, apportioned most of their funds to a well-diversified range of growth assets including property, Australian and international shares, and some higher-yielding income funds. With an estimated return of 7% p.a., Dave and Linda's money is calculated to last just over 30 years, seeing them well into their 90s.

### Balancing the risks

Yes, a growth portfolio is, from an investment point of view, higher risk than a defensive or conservative portfolio. That is, it will be more volatile, rising and falling in value along with investment markets. Dave and Linda will need to accept this volatility if they want to meet their lifestyle goals. However, even 10 years is a long investment horizon, let alone 30, so with time on their side they should be able to ride out any market downturns.

And there's another safety net. The above calculations ignore any age pension. As Dave and Linda draw down on their savings they will probably qualify for some age pension. Not only will this offset some of the investment risk, it will substantially extend the date when their savings will eventually be exhausted.

### Helpful advice

Establishing a well diversified, considered portfolio is a little more complex than setting up a conservative portfolio. It will also require more active monitoring and regular review. On top of that individual circumstances can change quickly, particularly in older age.

For help with all aspects of retirement planning, including portfolio design, establishment of income streams and age pension strategy talk to us.

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## POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS OF MEDICATIONS ON YOUR EYES

Our bodies are a complex system of interconnected organs. The eyes have some of the smallest blood vessels in the body and their appearance may signal disease outside the eyes including high blood pressure, diabetes or changes related to the side effects of medications. This is why your optometrist may enquire about your general health during an eye exam. Here is a list of some common medications and potential ocular side effects.

### 1. Anti-anxiety/antidepressants/antipsychotics (e.g. SSRIs, Endep)

There are different classes of anti-anxiety medication which may affect vision and eye health. One of the most commonly prescribed classes of antidepressants are the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). Side effects of this medication include dry eyes and disruption of our focusing system, affecting our clarity and/or comfort with reading, computer work and delayed focus when viewing different distances. There are suggestions that prolonged use can be associated with altered blood flow to the nerve that connects the eye to the brain. Studies indicate a greater risk of glaucoma (a condition affecting your peripheral vision) with SSRI medications, particularly in individuals on stronger doses or longer duration of use.

### 2. Blood Pressure medications

High or low blood pressure can affect eye health. When taking blood pressure medications, there are some that have been linked with glaucoma (particularly diuretics and calcium channel blockers). Our optometrists check for glaucoma through the use of OCT (ocular coherence tomography) 3D eye scans, measurement

of your eye pressure, automated perimetry and more.

### 3. Amiodarone (heart medications)

This medication often prescribed for an irregular heart beat can cause multiple eye changes including a whorl-like pattern on the cornea and it has also been linked with a risk of lack of blood flow to the optic nerve.

### 4. Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil)

Plaquenil can be prescribed for rheumatic disease and was long term prescribed as an antimalarial medication. Research shows that even in low doses it can be toxic to the retina. It is important that anyone on this medication has their eye health checked regularly to assess for any changes, particularly at the macula which is used for central vision; OCT is especially useful in this regard.

### 5. Accutane/Roaccutane (Acne Medication)

Often prescribed in adolescence and early adulthood, this medication has been shown to cause a variety of ocular side effects. Fortunately, most of these side-effects are temporary. There are a few reports of decreased dark adaptation problems, cataract development in young adults and persistent dry eye for over 2 years after discontinuing the medication.

### 6. Erectile Dysfunction Medications

Sildenafil citrate (Viagra) is a medication that causes a change in blood flow away from the heart. Potential side effects include lack of blood flow to the eye, changes in eye pressure and risk of glaucoma and risk of "blue vision" as the

medications disrupt neurotransmission within the retina. Dilated eye examinations with OCT scans and retinal photography are important in assessing these medication-related changes to the retina.

### 7. Herbal

Herbal supplements are quite common and just like prescription medications, they can cause side effects depending on the supplement and dosage. Ginkgo biloba, Fish oil and flaxseed oil are natural blood thinners, and thus may interact with other conditions and cause longer bleeding times to the eyes and body.

If you take any medications and are unsure if they may be affecting your eyes or your vision, please let your optometrist know.

At Dingley Eye Centre, we are passionate about your vision and the health of your families' eyes. We recognise the person behind the eye balls and strive to manage your ocular health and vision with the bigger picture in mind. Call us to make an appointment, book online or come down for a chat about how we can help.

We would also like to farewell the amazing May, who has decided to retire after 15 years of being a part of the Dingley Eye Centre family. She has been an integral part of our team and embodies all of the values that we strive to uphold. May, you will be sorely missed but we are excited for what the future holds for Michael and yourself. You have left an indelible mark on all of us and we are so grateful to you for your service to all of our patients and the community.

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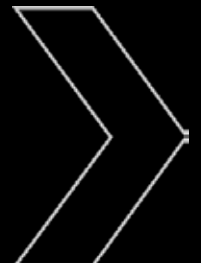
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The average wage in 1980 was \$13,458, so the median house price was around 2.9x average income. That was considered high at the time.

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- There is an increasing shortage of accommodation available where people want to live. The CBD is job central. Everyone wants to live near to their place of work. More people, more demand for the same property.

Every 30 year old today wishes they had the opportunity to buy property in their parent’s day. Their kids will probably say the same thing in 20 years.

Was 1980 a great time to buy property? Absolutely! The fact is any time in Australia’s past has been a great time to buy property. And I believe today is no different.

Australia’s population continues to grow, with most of that growth in the major cities. Economic conditions are stable. It is most likely prices of premium and quality property will continue to grow as they have in the past. Time in the market is the key.

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# CIRCLING THE CLUBS



## PROBUS CLUB DINGLEY CENTRAL



Our club celebrated our 29th birthday at our February meeting and we had the honour of one of our foundation members, Marjorie Beverley, to cut the cake to our rendition of “Happy Birthday”. During our meeting our president, Mary, welcomed visiting members from the new Clarinda Proboscis Club and mentioned that the Keysborough Proboscis Club is soon to be formed. Our meeting ended with further celebration with an entertainer, Jukebox Johnny, who sang some sing-along favourites from ballads to rock and roll.

Our next meeting in March is our annual general meeting when new office bearers will be elected to run the club over the next twelve months. Our activities include a walking group, coffee morning, camera club, men’s lunch, craft

group, games group and live performance shows.

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 Proboscis please contact our secretary, Ruth, on 9587 0432.

## DINGLEY 60 PLUS SOCIAL GROUP

February has seen our members enjoying dinner, live music and dancing at our local Night Clubs.

The Australia Day function at Noble Park was well attended and enjoyed by all. Most of the members who travelled over the Christmas holidays are now back on deck and are looking forward the 2020 activities.

Our Saturday night dinner dates were at Cheltenham – Modern and Mexican, Dingley – Indian, Moorabbin airport – Modern and Cheltenham -Bistro. We also had a Sunday brunch at Sandringham and a Friday Theatre night at Parkdale.

If you are in the 60 Plus age group and are at a bit of a loose end any Thursday night come along and join the group for a casual chat and your preferred beverage. We now meet from 7.30 pm at the Dingley International Hotel (DIH) in the Sports Bar.

A list of proposed activities over the next month or so is available at these gatherings. Regular activities undertaken by the group include dinners, theatre nights, movies, BBQs, picnics, breakfasts, concerts, holidays, trips, walks and dinner dances.

Our highlight for March is likely to be a BBQ at Braeside Park

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

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## COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DINGLEY VILLAGE



CWA craft gathering is Wednesday March 11th 10am at Irene's home with her No 1 and No 2 "Elvets", lending a hand to get our fingers busy for the Mother's Day stall in early May. Proceeds for the stall will be shared with "Blaze Aid" and other local projects we support.

Our meeting for March is Wednesday the 25th at 10am in the DVNC in Marcus Rd Dingley Village.

Plans for CWA Dingley Village 40th Anniversary are going ahead for May 13th and a cake stall has been booked at Bunnings for Father's Day in September

At our first show and Tell for the year, Jan brought a small leather bound book of Sherlock Holmes stories which belonged to her Father, Margaret showed the ladies a Church Doll from a friend at her church and a lovely note saying why it was made for her. Dorothy read a poem by Dorothea McKellar "My Country" from an article she had saved in 1999.

A few members attended the McDonald Group conference on February 28th where they met and welcomed the New Bentleigh CWA members

For further information regarding CWA Dingley Village President Carmel on 9796 2897 or Secretary Diana on 9580 6150 will pass on any news you may require. At the AGM last October, the members voted to raise monies for "Blaze Aid", our project of 2020.

## DINGLEY VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB INCORPORATED

Club activities for March 2020 are as follows:

- 2nd Committee Meeting followed by cards, games, knitting/crochet group and afternoon tea;
- 9th Bingo (eyes down at 1:00 p.m.) followed by afternoon tea;
- 16th Cards, games etc., followed by afternoon tea; and
- 23rd Bingo (eyes down at 1:00 p.m.) followed by afternoon tea;

We would again like to invite you to come and check us out of a Monday arvo.

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.

## DINGLEY CHELTENHAM VIEW CLUB



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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.

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Women of all ages are invited to join our monthly meetings which includes a guest speaker followed by morning tea.

**Where:** Keysborough Golf Club, 55 Hut-ton 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.**



At our February meeting, we were privileged to welcome Clif Hardy, a former Second Officer and Navigator in the British Merchant Navy. He spoke of his experiences from first attending the London Nautical School, to serving on tankers for many years in the Persian Gulf, and other waters.

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March activities will include a movie lunch at Waverley Cinema on the 12th, morning coffee at the Nest Café on the 10th., the Frankston Arts Centre "The Broadway I Love" on the 20th, and Morning Melodies at the Waltzing Matilda Hotel, on the 27th from 9.30am featuring Elis Cannizo "The Variety Show".

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Dingley Sports and Social Club at Souter Oval, from 10.00am. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at our meetings, and for further information, or to join one of our activities, please contact either President Vi on 9551 1076, or Secretary Davina on 9551 1217.

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

### DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED

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

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



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The Rotary Club Dingley Village, meets Thursday 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start: Dinner meeting (First three Thursdays of the month)



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### LIONS CLUB OF DINGLEY VILLAGE



Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village (Public Holidays excluded). These meetings are informal and friendly. Contact – President Lynne 9551 3770 dingleylions@gmail.com

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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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For further information contact Jennifer on 0419 115 811

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Monthly - Monday 16th March 7.30-8.30pm; Saturday 21st March; 7-8am and 9-10am at church office.

### BIBLE STUDY:

\*Women's - Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Fortnightly at the church office 10-11.30am. Thursday 5th and 19th March.

\*Open - Thursday 5th and 19th March on the Gospel of Luke. Fortnightly at church office 2pm.

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activity, finishing off the evening with a game and supper. Our Boys have excelled over the years as a successful company in Victoria and our Boys have gone on to being good Christian men of integrity and vision.

This term we have many exciting activities planned with the Dads vs Lads cricket on Monday 24th Feb at 7pm at the Corrigan Oval grounds on Marcus Rd in Dingley. A rocket building project towards the end of the term with the rocket launch scheduled to be at the Boys Brigade Camp in April at Camp McLaren Yarra Junction.

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- 29 March - The Servant Insulted (Isaiah 50:4-11)
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**Pleasant Tuesday Communion Service,** Tues 10 Mar – 2pm in the Church. Service includes Holy Communion and favourite hymns, followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea. Transport available on request: 9551 7871.

**Come and Connect over a Cuppa & Craft,** Tue 24 Mar (4th Tuesday of each month), 1.30-3.30pm at Christ Church Dingley. Bring your own project to work on (knitting, sewing, quilting, painting, etc.) No experience necessary. All welcome.

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**Youth** - Every Friday 7pm–9pm (during school term). Year 7-12s welcome!

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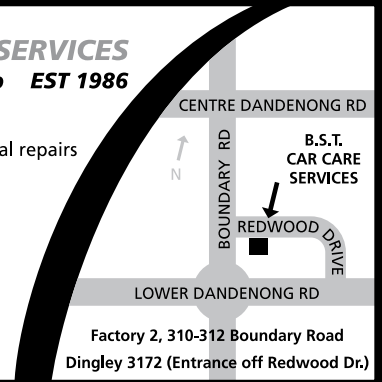
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Monday to Friday: 7:00am in the Friary Chapel  
Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil in the Church  
Sundays: 9:30 AM Sunday Mass (NB. only one Mass on Sunday)

- Some important dates for the month of March**
- 7th St Perpetua & St Felicity Martyrs
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# SCANNING THE SCHOOLS



## KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a very pleasant start to the 2020 school year with students settling in well and staff enthusiastic about their priorities this year. We are pleased to welcome four new teachers to Kingswood, as well as two teachers returning in 2020. Our teachers' focus for the start of the year is building authentic relationships with your children.

After some stops and starts with the weather over the holidays, we finally have a completed quadrangle which is being given the thumbs up by our students and parents. The games the children have chosen have been popular and the children will get many years' of enjoyment out of the upgrade. This upgrade was only made possible by parents contributing to the fundraising levy. Parents of the school covered 50% each of the total costs of the refurbishment. It is a great legacy to leave the community as we have all benefited from what parents have contributed before us.

As we all know there have been devastating bushfires across the country over the summer break and many in our community have been contributing time, money and goods to help those affected. In the midst of this devastation, Kingswood Primary School is pleased to have made a special connection with Clifton Creek Primary School, which was destroyed during these bushfires. Along with a wonderful initiative to provide the school with costumes for their much-loved role-play activities, Kingswood have decided to contribute some of our fete proceeds towards helping this small school community. We are excited about bringing their students down to Melbourne to enjoy some time at our school and join in on the fun at our Freaky Friday Fete on March 13th. This initiative has come from our parent community and we are extremely proud to support such community-orientated spirit.

We welcome the whole community and their family and friends to join us for what is a hallmark event of the KPS calendar, the Freaky Friday Fete 2020. There will be lots of exciting rides for kids of all ages including the Chair-O-

plane, Giant Super slide, trackless train, ball crawl and the popular Cliff Hanger and jumping castles.



## HEATHERTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

**Open Day-Saturday 7 March  
10am-Midday**

Once a term Heatherton Christian College opens its doors for a special Saturday Open Day. This is a great opportunity for families interested in finding out more about the school to come and have a tour of the school. School tours depart regularly from 10am. If you are able, please register for Open Day at [www.hcc.vic.edu.au/open-days-and-discovery-tours](http://www.hcc.vic.edu.au/open-days-and-discovery-tours). Our school café will be open offering free barista made hot drinks to visitors on Open Days.

Our hospitality students also prepare delicious snacks for visitors to enjoy.

Can't make it to the open day, alternatively, you may like to register for our fortnightly Head of Campus tours.

These school tours happen every second Wednesday morning from 9.30am. The dates for the Discovery Tours for 2020 may be found at the link above.

A major landscaping project was completed at Heatherton Christian College over the summer break. The project included the creation of a dry river bed with a hand water pump and bridges; a granitic sand running track; seating; corten terraces; wetland plants; and many landscape rocks and tree plantings. The end result is simply stunning!

If you are interested in finding out more about the wonderful education that is offered from Prep-Year 12 at Heatherton Christian College, please visit [www.hcc.vic.edu.au](http://www.hcc.vic.edu.au) or call 85516650 during school hours to make an appointment for a tour of the school. We still have some vacancies for 2020 in some year levels.



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  - ★ Roofing ★ Kitchen & Bathroom Renovations
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- All Work Guaranteed (Discounts to Pensioners)

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- Eye Examinations
- Contact Lenses
- Prescription Sunglasses & Safety Glasses
- Digital Retinal Photography
- Children's Vision
- Glaucoma & Visual Field Assessment
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- Claim Health Fund Rebates

Monday- Friday 9am til 5:30pm  
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- BRAKES AND CLUTCHES
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