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LET'S CELEBRATE AND ENJOY

The coronavirus pandemic changed the way we celebrated major events and holidays. Lockdowns and restrictions limited who we could be with, where we could go and what we could do.

Most of us are now looking forward to better times and we have important secular holidays and several major religions observe significant events, which bring families and friends together over the summer months.

You can celebrate quietly or go all out with a big splash, it does not matter how you celebrate, just that you celebrate and reap the rewards. Celebrations increase people's sense of well-being, regardless of socioeconomic factors, education, age or gender.

Celebrations are contagious! (Yes, in a pandemic that is OK) Celebration and the joy that comes with it catches the attention of those around you. People in your circle can't help but be attracted to your celebration, it becomes an extension of life, and nobody celebrates alone. And everybody ends up sharing on this surge of happiness, energy, and good feelings.



If someone wishes you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Solstice, Happy New Year... say "Thank you!"



This Summer, safety is also important to ensure we get the most enjoyment from warmer weather. From heat health to fire safety, summer in Australia presents challenges and we need to be aware and prepared.



Whether you're staying put or holidaying away from home, keep fire safety top of mind, as we have seen, bush fire can strike

unexpectedly with devastating results. Be aware of weather conditions, fire bans and warnings in areas you may be visiting or travelling through. Extreme heat causes more deaths in Australia than any other natural disaster.

If left untreated, extreme heat can cause heat stroke, which is fatal in up to 80 per cent of cases.

The risk of food-borne illness is particularly high in summer, as bacteria multiply faster in hot weather. Following simple precautions in the handling, storage and preparation of food will reduce the risk of food becoming unsafe.

In Australia we have one of the highest levels of UV exposure and highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Sun protection measures are recommended when the UV Index is 3 and above.

Even the strongest swimmers can get caught in a dangerous rip, while accidents around the pool can happen in a heartbeat. Children need constant supervision when they're in, on, or around the water.

Don't forget your pets, see Pet Care article in this edition.



FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER | 8:30AM - 1:00PM



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.

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LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

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Call Little Villagers Childcare on **8512 0509**

Make A Difference Dingley Village needs your help

Colouring Books for Children in Need

Christmas is an exciting time for children, and we hope that you have prepared a letter for Santa. At Make A Difference, in your own village, we are endeavouring to put parcels together for children who may miss out. If you would like to donate a colouring book to us, we would certainly provide a grateful person to receive your donation. You can drop your donation in to the Bendigo Bank in Dingley Village by December 6 and we will make sure these are handed on. We look forward to sharing gifts for those who may miss out on the Christmas experience.

Fresh Food Boxes

At Make a Difference we are delighted that we have been able to supply boxes of fruit and vegetables to families who need our help. Each box contains, potatoes, onions, carrots, pumpkin, lettuce, mandarins/oranges, apples, bananas, tomatoes and sweet potatoes. Each box costs \$8.50, so a donation of \$85 purchases ten boxes that can go to families in need. We put out an appeal to some Dingley organisations and have been delighted with the response and would like to thank the following:

- Mona's Bakehouse
- Michael Benjamin & Associates
- Cr. Jenna Davey-Burns
- Mayor Steve Staikos
- Din San Nursery
- Village Church
- Michal Kojdo - Buxton Real Estate



Apologies if we have missed anyone out.

Anyone interested in donating to assist us in this project, please call our office on **9551 1799** or check our website www.madv.com.au. Have a great holiday and we hope that Santa has your list. Thanks, from all of us at Make A Difference.

Friends of Spring Road planting is on!

Dingley Village Community Association has organised a working bee and is encouraging all resident young and old to come down to Spring Rd Reserve to help out with the planting.

- Date: Saturday 11th December 2021
- Time: 10am till noon approx.
- Meeting place: opposite Toorak Drive on Spring Road
- All necessary equipment will be provided
- Please wear suitable footwear and bring your water bottle

NB: weather permitting



The 12 Do's of Christmas

At Christmas Australians buy more, travel more and eat more than at any other time of the year.

To help reduce the environmental and financial impact of these festive activities, Planet Ark has come up with 12 simple, positive actions - the 12 Do's of Christmas.

Justice of the Peace

Malcolm Gilbert: **0418 549 800** Marion Harriden: **9551-1799** Allan Harris: **0412 073 719**



FARMERS MARKET



**OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
And we are continuing the November market birthday
celebrations.**



We all deserve a celebration after the past two years, so we are extending our birthday celebration to the December market. Free activities with jumping castle and face painting for children, buskers and City of Kingston Tinsel Trail as well as Christmas Craft stalls.

All our regular stall holders will be in attendance in addition to the Christmas crafts so there will definitely be something to tempt you, or for your Christmas gift list.

Pick up your favourite fresh and frozen berries from Santo and Cheryl at Yarra Valley Produce, Spud Sisters & 280 Fresh Veg will have the perfect ingredients for your summer salads and for that Quiche or Frittata Egg -erton Free Range Eggs, La Villa Salumi bacon, Blue Bay Cheese are the stalls for you. Lions Club will be in attendance selling their delicious Christmas cakes and puddings and Holy Trinity will have that special Christmas treat for your special canine.



If you have not been before, you are missing out; pop in and see why many of Dingley Village residents love to shop at the Farmers' Market. Shop among the gum trees for your farm fresh seasonal produce at the Dingley Village Farmers' Market.



**DINGLEY VILLAGE
FARMERS'
MARKET
SATURDAY
18th December
8.30AM—1 PM
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www.dvnc.com.au/farmersmarket**

Located in the forecourt of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, the Dingley Village Farmers' Market provides shoppers with seasonal farm fresh produce from Victorian farmers and producers.

LOCKDOWN OR COVID19
RESTRICTIONS: THE MARKET
STILL OPERATES.

Please comply with the rules for shopping during restrictions, market staff and stall holders are not only complying with the law they are trying to keep our community safe.

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**Monday session
starting in 2022**

DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The DVCA wishes every Dingley Village resident a happy & safe Christmas and a healthy and prosperous year ahead in 2022.

We hope you have enjoyed and been informed of local issues in our monthly articles over 2021.

DVCA Celebrates a Golden Milestone - 50 Years

DVCA was formed by a group of Dingley residents in 1971 with the Vision for Dingley Village being: "An appealing neighbourhood of Kingston known for its unique village character, its defined edges, its green setting and its environmentally, socially, and culturally aware residents."

With membership open to all Dingley Village residents, the DVCA is all about our village community. The DVCA has worked continuously on issues concerning the neighbourhood, representing residents, other community groups and the environment on all sorts of issues and ideas to make this a great place to live, work and play.

Kingston Council Cycling and Walking Masterplan 2021

It's great to see that Council is starting work on a new 5 year cycling and walking plan, encouraging exercise and alternatives to driving for short trips.

The DVCA made a submission to Council for Dingley Village, recommending:

- Specific improvements to create a full perimeter trail and provide a family friendly cycling/ walking circuit around the entire village.
- Provision of a gravel pathway between the new freeway bike path and the future Kennedy Centre oval complex.
- Provision of a safe bike path/lane along Howard Road.

Kingston Council Cycling and Walking Masterplan 2021

Park improvements continue, with a new fenced off-leash 3000 sqm dog park proposed for Chadwick Paddock. The new dog park is to be connected by concrete paths to the Mordialloc Freeway walk/cycle path and surrounding streets.

Planned tree planting around the dog park, together with new facilities for both dogs and their dog walkers should make this a great exercise space for our dogs.

Chadwick Reserve Improvements

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State Electorate Change - What Does This Mean For Dingley Village?

The redistribution of State Electorates has now concluded. Dingley Village is currently situated in the electorate of Keysborough and represented in State Parliament by Martin Pakula. However, on 1 November 2022, when the next State election writ is issued, the Keysborough electorate will be abolished and Dingley Village will then be placed in the Electorate of Clarinda and represented by the member for Clarinda.

Local Heroes

A big thank you to some special local ladies who are often seen clearing up Dingley Village litter when out walking our beautiful streets and parks. We are fortunate to live in such a great suburb, so let's each and everyone one of us help to look after it and keep our streets looking nice. Please become a local hero yourself and pick up any loose rubbish you spot when out walking in the village.

DVCA Retirement 2021 - Joe Biviano

DVCA members wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by DVCA life member Joe Biviano, to the DVCA and the Dingley Village community over his 24 years of active membership. Joe has been honoured with a DVCA life membership in recognition of his tremendous service, joining the three other life members: David Madill, Shirley DeWever and Brian Pullen.

DVCA

Please consider joining the DVCA. The DVCA is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village. Meetings are held in Harold Box Hall at the library, 2nd Tuesday each month (except Dec. & Jan.) at 7.30pm. New members are most welcome to attend.

DVCA Contact Details

For further information please contact the Chairman and Secretary at dvcasecretary@gmail.com, or visit our new DVCA website: www.dvca.info.

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OUR COUNCIL

Cr Steve Staikos re-elected as Kingston Mayor

Councillor Steve Staikos has been re-elected as Mayor and will continue to lead the Kingston community for the next 12 months. Bunjil Ward Councillor Staikos has served on Council for 13 years and has been voted by his councillor colleagues to serve as Mayor for a fourth term, having previously served in 2009-10, 2017-18 and 2020-21.

Cr Staikos said he was honoured that his colleagues had placed their trust in him again.

"This year will be a key time for Kingston as we support and encourage our community groups and businesses to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and lockdowns," Cr Staikos said.

Cr Staikos said Kingston also had a unique opportunity to provide our local knowledge to influence great outcomes for our community on major projects being delivered by the Victorian Government, including the Chain of Parks project, Suburban Rail Loop and Level Crossing Removals.

"We have a federal election in the next few months, and a state election around 12 months away, a key focus of this Mayoral term is to secure support from the Victorian and the Commonwealth Governments for our priority projects, that are important to the people of the City of Kingston.

"Council will continue working hand-in-hand with our community and I am confident that together we can deliver a bright future for the City of Kingston," Cr Staikos said.

Wattle Ward Councillor Jenna Davey-Burns was elected as Deputy Mayor for the next 12 months.

"I am proud to represent Kingston as Deputy Mayor and look forward to working collaboratively with the Mayor, councillors and the community to achieve positive results for the people of Kingston," Cr Davey-Burns said.

"I love where we live and there are some very exciting opportunities ahead for our community. I am looking forward to sharing many special moments with residents and community organisations alike."

Photograph: Cr Jenna Davey-Burns (Deputy Mayor) and Cr Steve Staikos (Mayor) have been elected to lead the Kingston community for the next 12 months.



Community's vision reflected in key planning documents

Kingston has partnered with our community to set a strong path for our future, following the adoption of major strategies that will guide Council's work moving forward.

Council has adopted the 2021 - 2025 Council Plan, 2021 - 2025 Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and the Long-Term Financial Plan.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said each of these strategies, developed through extensive community consultation, form the roadmap for how we will work in partnership with our community in an effort to build the most liveable and sustainable city in Victoria.

"We heard strongly from our community throughout the project, particularly from the representative community panel who developed our new community vision," Cr Staikos said.

"These documents will help bring that vision to life over coming years as we work to make Kingston an even stronger, safer, active and connected community." The Council Plan 2021-25 is underpinned by six strategic objectives:

- Our city will be a vibrant, enjoyable, and easy place to live.
- We prioritise our environment and reduce our impact on the earth.
- We will embrace the concept of a 20-minute city, support the ongoing process of decentralisation and

support people to live and work locally.

- We are progressive, inclusive and prioritise the wellbeing of all members of our community.
- Our community will feel safe, and be safe, in all aspects of their lives.
- Council will be collaborative, accountable transparent, responsive, well-informed and efficient.

The Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021 - 2025 envisages a future where people in Kingston can thrive through the pursuit of the community being healthy and well, safe and secure, kind and connected, liveable, and informed and empowered.

"As well as directing the organisation and guiding decision-making, these plans importantly make us fully accountable and we look forward to working closely with our community to deliver our collective priorities," Cr Staikos said.

To view the full plans, visit 2021-25 Council Plan, 2021-25 Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, Financial Plan Council also adopted the 2020-21 Annual Report which features highlight achievements. View the Annual Report.

Kingston's Community Vision:

"Kingston is a resilient, inclusive and diverse community. We are building the most liveable and sustainable city in Victoria. We champion and nurture our green and open spaces creating a safe, healthy environment. Our shared legacy connects our community, embracing innovation, making Kingston the place to live."

Delivering a facility to divert household rubbish from landfill

The City of Kingston has joined 14 other councils in Melbourne's south east to form a company to deliver an advanced waste processing alternative to landfill. This type of company is called a special purpose vehicle (SPV) and is common in projects where there are many organisations working together. The SPV - called South East Metropolitan Advanced Waste Processing Pty Ltd - will help councils deliver an advanced waste processing facility that will process household rubbish instead of

burying it in landfill. Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said by signing up to the SPV we are strengthening our ability to secure the economic, environmental, and social benefits from the facility.

"The SPV has its own legal identity and will enter into a contract for advanced waste processing on behalf of participating councils," Cr Staikos said. Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) is facilitating the procurement of advanced waste processing for councils.

"Councils coming together to form a SPV is a major milestone in what is the biggest tender for new waste management infrastructure ever undertaken by councils in Melbourne," Jill Riseley, MWRRG CEO, said.

"The new facilities are expected to attract multi-million-dollar investment and create up to 400 jobs during construction and up to 100 permanent operating jobs.

"Advanced waste processing facilities are being used safely and reliably around the world, including in the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia and North America."

Advanced waste processing facilities are regulated by the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA). Any facility will need to be appropriately located, constructed and operated according to strict regulations that minimise risks to the environment and people.

"Advanced waste processing solutions will play a significant role in achieving the new target to divert 80% of household rubbish from landfill by 2030.

"It's a great solution for household rubbish that would normally go to landfill. We will continue our programs to drive up resource recovery through our current kerbside recycling and green and food waste collection services, and future glass collection service as part of a wholistic approach to managing waste."

Kingston adopts new housing framework

Kingston Council has made changes to its Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study following strong advice from the Victorian Government and independent planning consultants.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said the strategy plans for housing over the next 20 years and includes a series of priorities needed to make housing more

affordable, diverse and matched to the changing needs of the local community.

Kingston's current zones are temporary and were set to expire in March 2020, however, Council was given an extension to progress the Housing Strategy in line with the directions and strategies provided in Plan Melbourne and the Planning Policy Framework.

The Victorian Government estimates Melbourne will grow to 7.9 million people by 2051. Government policies stipulate that the city can't keep sprawling outwards, so the Victorian Government's Plan Melbourne sets out how all local Councils will have to take their share of the growth.

"The Victorian Government and the independent planning consultant engaged by Council both gave strong advice that the proposal adopted by Council in August last year simply won't be accepted or progressed. Ultimately to change the Planning Scheme, Council needs the Planning Minister's support," Cr Staikos said.

"We've made some changes in an effort to meet the Victorian Government requirements while still speaking up for what our community wants. The community will have a chance to provide further feedback on the proposed changes to our Planning Scheme in early 2022."

Some of the changes proposed by Council include:

- Seek to incorporate Council's Urban Cooling Strategy in the Planning Scheme
- Identify priority areas for public-space enhancements (e.g. improved landscaping and street treatments to encourage walking and cycling)
- Reduce the extent of areas where three-storey development was proposed in a small pocket of Mentone by increasing the areas zoned for two-storey dwellings (Neighbourhood Residential Zone).

"Kingston's long standing policy practise is to see population growth centred around our key activity centres, close to public transport, shops and services. This would allow us to protect the neighbourhood character and amenity of our quieter residential streets," Cr Staikos said.

Council will submit the revised proposal to the Minister for Planning to consider the request to authorise the formal Planning Scheme Amendment, this will

trigger the next stage of consultation, which is expected to take place in early 2022.

All Kingston residents and ratepayers will be notified by post when the consultation opens, and we encourage our community to get involved and have their say. Using feedback from the community and expert advice from an independent planning panel, the Minister for Planning will make the final decision on our planning controls - including the levels of development in different areas.

Find out more about the Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study.

Food waste recycling service a huge success

Kingston residents have sent more than 3000 extra tonnes of food and garden waste for composting since the introduction of the Food Organics and Garden Organics service in June 2020. Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos thanked the community for an outstanding effort that had helped reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

"It's been incredible to see so many households across Kingston support the new food recycling service," Cr Staikos said. "Instead of sending unused food to rot in landfill, we are instead creating valuable compost for re-use."

Since the food recycling service was introduced in June 2020, more than 1000 additional Kingston homes signed up for a 'green lid' bin to recycle their garden and food waste.

"Even in the midst of the pandemic, when we were all at home and ordering lots of parcels and take-out, Kingston was one of few Councils to actually reduce waste sent to landfill," Cr Staikos said.

Importantly, Kingston has also recorded very low contamination rates with audits finding only 1.8% of items incorrectly put in the 'green lid' bin when they should have been in the 'red lid' waste bin or the 'yellow lid' recycling bin.

"I am extremely proud of our community who have demonstrated that by working together and making small changes to our daily habits we can make a big difference for our environment," Cr Staikos said. It is estimated that Australians throw out \$8-\$10 billion worth of food, or around four million tonnes, every year. If sent to landfill this generates methane, a potent greenhouse gas 21 times worse than carbon dioxide.

"By diverting so much kerbside food waste from landfill, we are reducing methane, making our landfills last longer and producing valuable compost we can use on our public parks and sporting fields."

landfill will be considered by Council in 2022 for implementation after this date. Households who aren't yet making use of the food waste recycling service are encouraged to find out more at

www.kingston.vic.gov.au/foodwaste

Council has resolved to maintain the existing kerbside waste bin collection frequencies until 30 June 2023. Options to maximise the diversion of waste from



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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor

The hearings for the fate of the Kingswood Golf Course Park are nearly finished. The hearing is a scandal, as

(a) Kingston Council and 8,000 objectors already said no.

(b) Planning Minister Richard Wynne previously said: "I always encourage councils to make decisions in line with the expectations of their local communities – planning outcomes are always better when the voice of the community is heard."

(c) Now just one person makes the decision for the 10,000+ people in our Village - the Planning Minister Richard Wynne.

(d) The hearing is unbelievably inappropriate, as instead of the Golf Course Advisory Committee first deciding if the Golf Course Park should be built on at all, that simple question is buried in thousands of documents displaying the most monstrous overdevelopment plan a computer could generate!

Simply deciding the overdevelop or not question FIRST would have saved ratepayers and therefore Council, hundreds of thousands of dollars, plus council and residents thousands of hours and further - saved taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars too. Most likely the overall budgets expended are over one million dollars and still the most basic question has not been decided!

The Golf Course committee has been reduced by one, due to a conflict of interest. That member was not replaced. However, the chair refused to exclude a committee member who has invested their savings in AustralianSuper! Worse - there are no community-minded or environmentally friendly members on the committee.

All this chaos was caused by the most elementary mistakes a real estate buyer could ever make - (1) There was no subject to rezoning clause in the purchase document and (2) they paid over double the valuation.

So now AustralianSuper - a mammoth \$233 Billion company, want to destroy Dingley Village, causing residents, heartache, misery, asthma and devastation for years. All to cover up their mistake.

How many investors in AustralianSuper know the monster company wants to carry out environmental vandalism on Kingswood and have applied to remove 100 trees over the years? Their most recent attempt to remove 21 trees tried to circumvent the Council system by lodging 21 separate applications.

So, 600 pages were lodged for just 21 trees, forcing residents and council to reply 21 times. Those that received council's mountain of mail know what I mean. You would think at that time they would be trying to win the hearts and minds of residents, but they were too arrogant for that.

Of course, AustralianSuper never consulted residents and this year even publicly admitted they did not. But to cover all bases and to justify huge expenditures on spin doctors, they recently produced a 160 page document on how they consulted residents. It's sheer inept garbage. Most of all we want to avoid an overlay that enabled the construction of the monstrosity estate opposite Bunnings.

Most would know the one, now hitting the headlines for all the wrong reasons. Did you know those plans never went before council or residents because they had an "overlay"?

A special thank you to Council and Mayor Staikos plus Cr. Hua as they put huge resources behind supporting our cause. Be sure to thank them. Will democracy and justice prevail?

Kevin Poulter
President
Save Kingswood Group Inc
Ph: **0435 378 678**



MORE THAN JUST A SHED

On Friday November 12th last, the Dingley Village Men's Shed (DVMS) officially opened their new shed. This now makes a complex - which was just two derelict sheds - into two large workshops and an extended amenities shed.

So, what happens at a Men's Shed?

Well, the members mostly retired, come from all walks of life with a wide variety of interests. The traditional concept of woodwork and or metalwork being the only areas of activity has been consigned to the bin. Now, it is possible to pursue those interests but also others that may never have been part of a vocation. Often a long-held desire to learn a new skill or develop a hobby can be achieved that was never able to be realised, until now.



At the opening dignitaries from Parks Vic, Local and State Government, Bendigo Bank, Sponsors and of course our very own Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre were present to acknowledge not only the new shed but also the achievements members have made over the past few years.

The DVMS complex is one of several Men's Sheds in the local area all catering for men who have retired but who are at a bit of a loose end. With over 170 members the DVMS is the largest in the area and attracts members from nearby suburbs as well as Dingley Village.

Apart from the obvious interest for men it is often the case that new members are motivated to join by their friends, wives, partners, families who recognise that remaining active both in body and mind is a very important part of maturing gracefully. Studies relating to Men's Health, especially as we mature, have noticed that the Men's Shed Movement throughout our country makes a positive contribution to happiness and longevity



i.e., quality of life. Many members just enjoy the contact and fellowship which is a focal part of a like-minded group environment. So, the benefits can be many and long lasting not just for the individual but also for their nearest and dearest, their friends and associates and their community at large.

Located in the beautiful Braeside Park, itself a 295 hectare (730 acre) area of parks, natural bush, wetlands and more encourages the members of DVMS to assist and support Parks Vic. By working together in maintaining and improving facilities a tangible benefit is enjoyed by the circa 400,000 members of the public who frequent Braeside Park each year.

Proving to be a win-win for the individual and the community alike such an initiative is making a valuable contribution to all. This was the basis of the recognition outlining and gratefully acknowledging the many achievements of the DVMS by those attending the official opening. Clearly this is 'More Than Just A Shed'.

For more information go to dvms.org.au or secretary@dvms.org.au. Text by Geoff Hergt pictures by David Ellis both members of the DVMS



LOOKING AT LOANS



Be Happy

It was Julie's idea.
Simple, but clever.
The best ideas usually are.

Because stress builds, even in normal times, and 2021 has been far from normal. Interminable lockdowns, media fuelled anxiety. I don't need to describe it. We all lived it.

"Donuts" she said, "We need donuts".

What a brilliant idea! A delivery of a pack of ½ dozen donuts to the (work from home) door of each broker and staff member. Without letting them know it was coming.

Such a simple way to add smiles to the faces of our team, and their families.

In retrospect, that was a touch of Christmas spirit in October.

December is such a special month. The anticipation of holidays, of Christmas, of New Year. There is something special about Christmas energy.

This year the mere opportunity to gather in groups will be valued more than ever, what a joy! With friends, with family.

A time also when I reflect on how many clients will be spending their first Christmas in their new home!

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This Christmas, amongst the hustle and bustle, take the time to reflect: Stop for a moment and smile, be happy, enjoy your achievement, and make sure you are continuing to place yourself in the position to not put that accomplishment at risk.

For those who have not yet achieved that home ownership goal: Sharpen the resolve and determination, continue on the path. This was never going to be as easy as buying a donut six-pack.

I do love the spirit of Christmas.

A reminder that the spirit of happiness lies within us all. Always. From all the Integrity Finance Australia team, Merry Christmas. Remember to enjoy the moment, to reflect, and to look for the next goal.

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Simone Hardham at the Dingley Village Market.

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PET CARE

Keeping your pet cool during Summer

It's so important to make sure you're all prepared during hot weather to care for companion animals, and even wildlife. Read our tips to make sure your pets and other animals stay cool and calm during summer.

Keep It Cool

All pets must be kept in cool, shady areas. It is ideal to bring pets indoors on hot days. If you're feeling warm, chances are they are too. Short nosed or flat faced dogs breeds are also more susceptible to heat stroke e.g. Pugs, English bulldogs, French bulldogs.



Little ones need care too

Small pets, such as rabbits, guinea pigs and birds, are particularly susceptible to heat. Please bring these animals indoors during hot weather. If allowed free run in a laundry or bathroom, they will benefit from the cool tiles. If this is not possible, drape their cage with wet towels and provide a sturdy icepack or frozen water bottle for the animal to lean against so it can regulate its own body temperature.

Make sure the animals' enclosures are out of direct sunlight and protected from the sun as the shade moves throughout the day.

Water Water Water!

Provide plenty of fresh, cool water in large water containers. Be sure to provide numerous sources of water in case one is spilt. Ensure the containers are in the shade and add some ice to the water to keep it cool.



Take a dip

Place a clam shell pool in the shade and fill it with water so your dog can wade in the water to keep cool. If your pet's share your yard with children, remember to have all necessary precautions in place, including fencing, in order to keep children safe.



Walk when you can walk

Walking your dog when the ground is too hot can cause serious damage to their paws. Instead, walk your dog in the coolness of the early morning or evening. If you're unsure if it's cool enough, press your hand to the pavement for 5 seconds. If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your dog's paws.

It can also be a good idea to take your pet to your local beach, creek or river to let them have a paddle and cool down. This will help your pet avoid possible dehydration, sunburn and potentially painful paws and it will help you and your pet enjoy the walk more.

Keep them comfortable

If your pet seems to be in discomfort, try wetting their feet and misting water onto their face. This is an option for dogs, cats, ferrets, poultry and caged birds as many animals control their inner temperature through their feet. It's important not to saturate a bird's feathers as this can cause them to go into shock.

Animals in hot cars

NEVER leave your pet in the car in warm weather. It takes only minutes for an animal to suffer an agonising death if left in a hot car. If you see an animal locked in a hot car, immediately phone police on 000.

Take care of wildlife too

Leave small bowls of water in your garden so wildlife can keep cool.

Protect those snouts

Little pink noses are cute, but can easily become sunburnt. Your fair-skinned pet needs a special sunscreen for animals to protect it from the discomfort of sunburn

and the added risk of skin cancer, so don't forget that 'slip, slop, slap' doesn't just apply to people.

Don't shave double coated dogs

You may think you're doing your dog a kindness by shaving their hair to cool them down. However double coats are designed to keep dogs warm or cool depending on the weather. Dogs naturally shed their undercoat during summer, allowing their skin to remain cool. If shaved, growing back this undercoat can make dogs even hotter. Their top coat also vitally prevents sunburn. Shaving double coated dogs can also permanently change their coat, often losing its soft smooth texture. While grooming is important all year round, double coated dogs don't need to be shaved in any weather.

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Dingley Football Netball Club



"By the time you turn to this page, the football club will have already commenced pre-season training for 2022. The competitive nature of football today means that the days when our sport was a six month pastime are long gone.

Suffice to say that the club's preparation to remain a force in the Southern Football Netball League has continued throughout recent months.

2022 will see the inclusion of a number of quality recruits, the re-commitment of nearly all of the 2021 list and importantly, the continued development and promotion of young players through junior ranks.

The resolve to provide opportunities for our youngsters has been crucial to our recent success, with many Under 19 eligible players being part of senior premiership teams and our coaching staff are committed to continue on that path.

We are also pleased to announce the formation of the DFNC Junior Football Academy, established to improve and fast track U15, 16 and 17 boys and girls under the guidance and coaching of multiple senior premiership coach, Shane Morwood. Shane was the 2019 'State Coach of the Year' and his continued contribution to the club is invaluable.

Other coaching appointments for 2022 include the return of Brad Sessler as Reserves coach and Brad Collins who will be in charge of our Under 19 team.

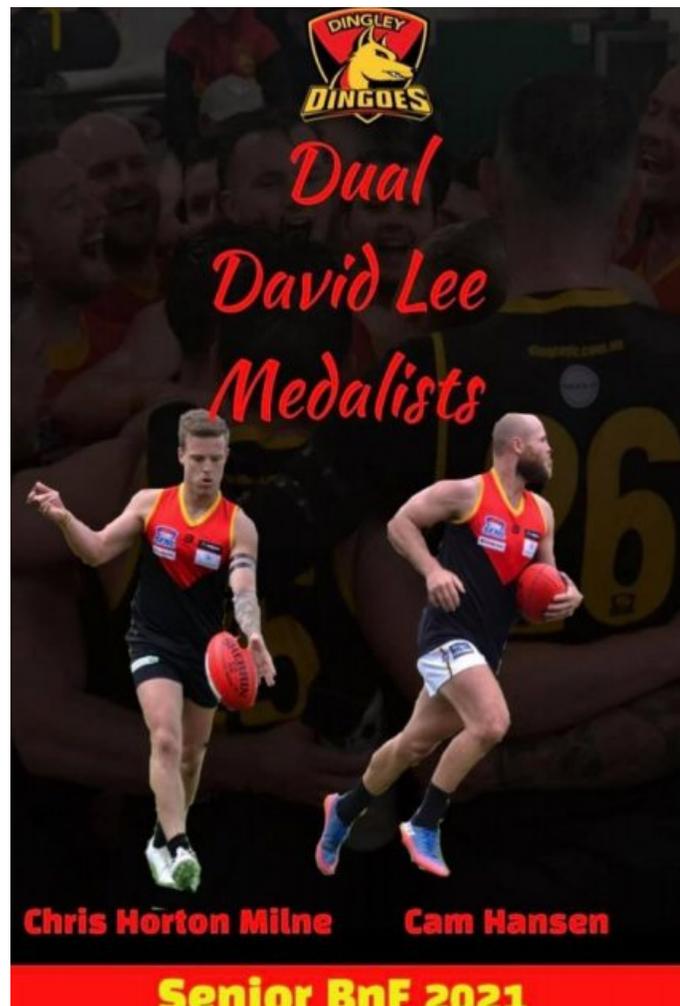
The list of individual Award Winners from 2021 would fill more space than possible on this page, but special mention must go to Chris Horton-Milne and Cameron Hansen, who shared the 'David Lee' seniors Best and Fairest Medal.

Chris also took out the competition Best and Fairest Award, to add to his three premiership medals, a previous club Best and Fairest, two Grand Final 'best on ground' medals and many other awards. Cam joined us this year from St Kilda City and he 'tore it up' in the midfield all year.

Six Players were selected in the SFNL Team of the Year and Joshua O'Niel was Best and Fairest in the Under 19 Grade.

I urge you to view our club website for all the news, for details about the Junior Academy and for the list of all award winner; but as I've said in the past, every player who pulls on the club colours is a winner.

Go Dingoies in '22."



Dingley Tennis Club



Starting Soon - Seniors Social Tennis - 10.30am Tuesday & Friday. All abilities welcome. Contact Tracey at admin@dingleytennisclub.com.au if you are interested in playing.

As we come to the end of the year, we would like to thank our amazing sponsors - Buxton Real Estate, Dingley Charcoal Chicken, Pizza Lioni, Flight Deck Bar & Grill, Sthil Dandenong and Bakers Delight for their support during these crazy covid times.

Don't forget to put a tennis racquet on your Christmas List this year and we'll see you at the Club next year.



Glaucoma the silent thief of vision

As the year 2021 draws to a close and the country's restrictions become part of our history, more than ever before eye health professionals remain concerned about the number of eye diseases that have gone undiagnosed. Glaucoma sufferers remain untreated and continue to lose vision with no signs or symptoms. Glaucoma is a group of eye disorders that cause the gradual loss or damage to the nerve tissue in the back of the eye eventually leading to blindness. The vision loss begins in the periphery, slowing encroaching into your central vision, where you start bumping into things or knocking things over. In the world, it is the second most common cause of blindness following macular degeneration.

Currently 3% of Australians suffer from Glaucoma but alarmingly the rate of diagnosis remains at only 50%. To put this in perspective 1 in 2 people who have Glaucoma are unaware, undiagnosed, untreated and may be left with irreversible vision loss. The even more frightening statistic is that we know that only 60% of adults maintain regular eye health checks. So that is 4 out of 10 adults are NOT getting checked and potentially missing out on early diagnosis and treatment of this devastating disease.

I know you are asking yourself how can I not know? Why is it silent? Why is there no warning? Well research suggests that Glaucoma sufferers can lose up to 70% of their nerve tissue before noticing any changes to their vision. This is because our brain is so good at adapting and therefore "filling in the gaps" of the picture, even if we are missing a piece or two. And as the peripheral vision is affected initially, it takes a while for you to realise that you are missing parts of your vision, and you end up with "tunnel vision."

Seeking the right help is equally important and unfortunately not all health professionals are the same and spend the necessary time nor have the expertise to take care of your eyes. Research studies show that 60% of people who were diagnosed with Glaucoma had an eye test in the 12 months prior to their diagnosis, where this condition was missed.

Our advice is simple, make sure that you see an optometrist at least once every two years, even if you think or feel nothing is wrong. It is best to avoid being another statistic. Choose your practitioner wisely, ensure they are good communicators, and spend time with you carrying out a comprehensive eye test. Restrictions have now been removed for routine eye care so if you are concerned see us so we can answer all your questions!

At Dingley Eye Centre, we are passionate about your vision and the health of your families' eyes. Call us to make an appointment, book online on our website www.insightfuleyecare.com.au or come down for a chat about how we look after your eyes for now and into the future, so that you get to enjoy all the simple pleasures of life.

We thank you for your wonderful support during a challenging COVID period and wish you and all your family and friends, a wonderful festive season and happy holidays. Take care and stay safe.

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Dingley Primary School



On Friday, 5th of November, Dingley Primary participated in Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day; Day for Daniel; which honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe. Staff and students wore red to remember Daniel and represent child safety. Each class also completed activities to reinforce the importance of personal safety.

Return to On-site Learning

After an extended period of remote learning; It has been great to have all Dingley Primary School students working and enjoying time together on site again. To celebrate the return to school; staff and students enjoyed dressing in bright colours for a special 'Rainbow Day' on Friday, 12th November.

PYP Exhibition 2021

Over the past 8 weeks our Year 6 students have grown as global citizens through their personal inquiry projects as part of the first ever PYP Exhibition (PYPX) at Dingley Primary School. The exhibition is the culminating, collaborative experience in the final year of the PYP for our students.



The students identified which of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals was of most interest to them. They then created their own line of inquiry to explore, research, take action and reflect upon.

Completing these inquiries during remote learning gave our students the opportunity to deepen their digital technology skills as well as teach others in their areas of expertise. The teachers were incredibly impressed with how confidently the students took charge of their learning journey to complete their projects.

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YOUTH CORNER



Youth Corner

The weather is warming up, and so is the excitement of our scouts and Leaders. With lockdown now behind us, our scouts are turning their attention away from zoom meetings to planning some amazing face to face activities and adventures for the remainder of the year.

Did I hear someone yell camping! Well yes, maybe we can. Camp cooking did you say? The weather will be great for it, so why not. How about some fun outdoor activities to get everyone active again and just have some plain old fun! Most definitely.

Catch up with old friends and maybe make some new! Yep, we got this. And hey, who knows, we might even throw in some canoeing and rock climbing just for a dash of added fun and adventure.



Want to come join the fun and meet some new friends along the way? Then contact Vanessa, her details are below, and let's see where the adventure takes you.

We are always happy to see new faces.

Joey's 5 – 7yrs	Please contact our Group Leader below
Cubs 8 – 10yrs	Monday 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Scouts 11 – 14yrs	Thursday 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Venturers 15 – 17yrs	Friday 7:30pm – 9:30pm
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For more information about Dingley Scout Group contact Vanessa on **0402 489 773** or email dingleyscoutgroup@gmail.com

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The key to life is living, not retiring, but there may come a time in your life when you want to change what you've been doing and either stop working completely or take a long holiday and work out what's next.

To be able to have this choice though, it's imperative that you plan ahead, even if you think retirement is for everyone else.

As a rule of thumb, it is suggested people should aim for a retirement income of between 50% and 70% of pre-retirement salary/wages. Based on this premise, it is estimated you will need to save around 15% of your income for 40 years. The problem here is that your employer is only compelled to provide superannuation contributions for you at the current rate of 10% of your income per annum.

How might this be done? You can start contributing to super earlier in your working life, raise the combined rate of your super contributions to 15% by making personal contributions (keeping under the annual limits of course), and take heed of the following tips throughout your working life.

Young, single and independent

- Retirement is something your parents are doing but starting small and early lays the foundations for future choices.
- Maximise your government co-contributions—they can potentially add thousands to your super.
- If appropriate, take out disability insurance through your super fund. It is often the cheapest and most tax-effective way of providing insurance cover.
- Choose an investment strategy that suits your long-term risk profile.

A family and a mortgage

- Your focus may be on repaying the home loan, but don't forget your super entirely.
- A mortgage and young children mean insurance is a top priority. Taking out life and disability insurance can be a sound decision at this stage.
- Check eligibility for a tax offset on spouse superannuation contributions and government co-contributions.

- Review your investment strategy and risk profile.

The "in between" years

- A higher income and a smaller mortgage open up the opportunity to boost your super but take care not to exceed contribution and balance limits.
- Find out if salary sacrifice could boost your super savings.
- Review your insurance cover and investment risk profile.

Retirement is looming (maybe)

- Over 55s enjoys some good incentives to contribute to superannuation but keep an eye on your total balance.
- Consider combining salary sacrifice with a transition to retirement pension if beneficial.
- Review your insurance cover, investment strategy and risk profile.
- Start comprehensive retirement planning or a new career focus.

Down tools or start anew

- You've made it. For retirees over 60, withdrawals and pension payments are tax free!
- Review your investment risk. Keep enough growth in your portfolio to ensure your money lasts as long as you do.
- Review your insurance.
- Stay active and enjoy life - or launch into your next career. There are no rules!

Remember, it's never too late – or early - to start...

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The Queue

A long line of morose individuals stretched out across the primary school quadrangle, slowly shuffling their way to the school hall. They had all been ambushed at the gate by over excited beings thrusting glossy paper at them, all insisting that theirs was the only way that they should vote. The smell of democracy sausages wafted through the air as kids amused themselves on monkey bars nearby, squealing in delight, still having this ahead of them in the future.

Phil stood amongst the masses, listing in his head, all the ways his time could be better spent. He watched the others around him. The pair of middle- aged men who used the time to reminisce about how much the space had changed since they attended the school. They had never left the suburb and never would.

The first- time voter scrolling on her phone for information as her mother, clutching her handbag to her side, was hopelessly attempting to give her young daughter advice that clearly wasn't wanted.

The elderly group of men, discussing the planned new development and how it might affect the suburb. Proud NIMBYs; frightened of the potential change to the area and probably rightly so. Supposedly happy couples conversing with other supposedly happy couples about the upcoming events at school. Phil doubted they had anything in common other than their children attending the same education facility.

He watched with amusement as a muscular man constantly peeked over his shoulder at the sausage sizzle, licking his lips in readiness for his reward once his unenviable task is complete. A young woman stood alone with a smile on her lips as she nodded her head along to whatever music entertained her through her ear buds. She seemed to be applying the time well to her advantage

Much like the slender woman dressed in high end fashion and dripping with expensive jewelry. Her phone was permanently at her ear and she seemed to be using the time to conduct business. An elderly woman sat on her walker, glasses down the bridge of her nose, reading a dog eared novel. She wasn't going to let voting interrupt her precious reading time.

Suddenly excitement ensued as the line became mobile again. The motley assortment of individuals shuffled up a few steps more, a sense of achievement was felt by all before they stood waiting yet again.

Phil wondered how so many people could be willing to stand waiting in a long queue for a task of no interest to them. The only enthusiastic voters seemed to be the ones at the entrance bombarding the rest of them with their unwelcome passion for their chosen nominees. He suspected it was the risk of a fine they would receive should they not vote that had them all turnout.

Once again, Phil found himself wondering why he hadn't just cast a postal vote like he always promised he would. Could it be possible he had more motivation to stand in this queue 'people watching' than looking into getting a postal vote done from the comfort of his own home? One thing was certain, like the muscular man ahead of him, he would be thankful for that burnt sausage in white bread at the end. His compensation for suffering the unwanted ordeal.

Julia S 2021



Keep up to date

Stay in touch with what's happening at the former golf course site at Centre Dandenong Road in Dingley Village.

The exhibition period for the redevelopment plans is now complete but you can still see what's being proposed by visiting the project website.

The website will publish the latest information about the planning process, about maintenance, tree and site management. And there are contact details for those with queries.

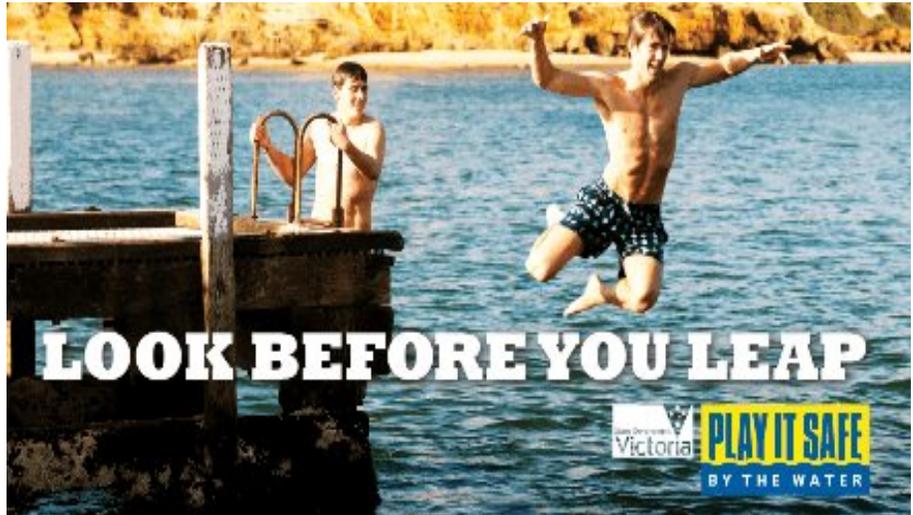
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FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

Last week, when wandering down Braeside Park's shady Cypress Parade, I came upon several large yellow fungi amongst the long grass: spectacular in size (about 15 cm in diameter) and colour. Fungi together with bacteria are responsible for breaking down organic matter and releasing carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and phosphorus back into the soil and the atmosphere.

At the end of National Recycling Week (8-14th November), I wondered how many people who were busily spruiking this year's aim "to help you reduce your waste and recycle right" thought of the humble fungi, the ultimate recycling mechanism - quietly processing waste in the Park?

I stopped to get a closer look and noticed a number of flies or gnats feeding on the fungi while their larvae had left slime trails like those from small snails or slugs. So, as the fungi recycled, the gnats were reproducing, and insect-eating birds were getting their next meal. Nothing was wasted, and everything was interconnected. Now, why can't we humans do that?

Overlapping with National Recycling Week was Australian Pollinator Week (13-21st November). Immediately, everyone thinks of bees, the small buzzy insect that moves pollen from the male anther of a flower to the female stigma of a flower, to fertilize food plants and to give us honey!

We all need bees, but the introduced European honeybee is not our only pollinator. At the beginning of Pollinator Week, I joined the Victorian Field Naturalists' special interest group doing their annual insect survey in Braeside Park.

There were some honeybees, especially among the clumps of Patterson's Curse or Salvation Jane (*Echium plantagineum*) and cape weed. There to remind us of the Park's grazing past, and proof that introduced weeds are hard to eradicate. There were also many iridescent flies, hover flies, beetles, and flying ants pollinating indigenous acacias and gums.

We did not see any native bees. According to the experts, this is not surprising. Many native bee species are now endangered following the 2019–2020 bushfires. A Flinders University study found between 50 to 80 percent of some species' habitat is destroyed. Two native bee species have been moved to the endangered list, and another nine marked vulnerable. To date, 1700 Australian bee species have been identified and named. The true figure is estimated closer to 2,000. Rather than living in hives, most native bees are ground dwelling which makes them, just like the recycling fungi, susceptible to disturbances by visitors leaving the tracks to explore the Park.

While many people in Covid-19 Lockdown installed honeybee hives, let's not forget our unique native bees and help to protect these often-stingless insects by leaving some space for Australian native plants. We can all help the native bee population and native flora by contacting Kingston Council's Gardening for Wildlife programme, or visiting Greenlink Sandbelt Indigenous Nursery, on Heatherton Rd to buy some indigenous plants - and then spending some time observing your garden's pollinators.

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Probus Club Dingley Central



Our November general meeting was held on zoom. Our guest speaker was Vietnam Veteran Ray Weston, a member of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australian Education Team. This group speak to clubs and schools, of the Veterans view of the war and personal experiences before, during and after the war. It was an excellent presentation, and a grim reminder of the realities of war.

To quote Ray - War does not determine who is right. War determines who is left. As Covid restrictions ease, the club will gradually reintroduce activities again.

Our meetings are held at 10am, on the 1st Monday of the month, at the Salvation Army Kingston City, 13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village. New members are most welcome. Please contact Ruth 9587 0432.

Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

It was very enjoyable to be able to get back together again last month (from the 8th of November).

As the end of the year is approaching, our arranged activities are as follows:
6th of December, Monday, 1:00 p.m., activities.
13th of December, Monday, 12:30 p.m., Xmas breakup luncheon at the Club.

15th of December, Wednesday, 12:00 p.m., a luncheon at the Cheltenham RSL. We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Xmas with family and friends and a happy and safe New Year.

We intend meeting again in early 2022. Please keep in touch with each other and for any news regarding arranged meetings or activities, contact our President, Lyn, on 9585 5039, or our Secretary, Sandra, on 9558 1490.

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone over the age of 55 to come and join in our Club activities - these are generally held (COVID 19 restrictions permitting) on a Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the new Harold Box Hall.

Country Women's Association Dingley Village



"All women, all ages, all places. grow, connect, improve."

Finally, we were able to meet again after lockdown and on Wednesday 10th of November held both our usual monthly meeting and our Annual General Meeting, it was so good to spend time together again. We shall be having lunch together in December to celebrate the Christmas season.

Also, during December CWA Brighton Branch are celebrating their 80th Birthday and a few of us will be attending a special lunch to celebrate with them. We would like to wish all readers a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2022.

Our next Business Meeting will take place on 19th January 2022 at the Dingley Village Community Centre. Craft meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and Business meetings on the fourth Wednesday. In 2022 our meetings will be subject to Covid guidelines.

If you need any further information about C.W.A., or would like to consider becoming a member, please contact either - Kathy on 0403 468 969 or Di on 0409 031 942.

Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Members have been able to attend some live music venues subject to current COVID requirements during November. At time of writing arrangements for our Thursday night gatherings are yet to be re-established. Details will be advised in the next edition of the Dossier.

Our activities are suitable for those in the 60 plus age group and provide an opportunity to socialise with your peers. Events can be proposed by members and those interested can get on board.

Thanks to the Dossier staff for their support over the year. We wish all the Dossier readers all the best for Christmas and may you have an enjoyable New Year.

We are more than happy to welcome new members to the Group and you can call Shirley on 0410 625 731 or Graeme on 9551 3462.

PS - Full steam ahead in 2022?

Burden Park Bowls Club



Hooray, Pennant is finally underway.

On Saturday we started pennant, the no.1 side had a good win against Edithvale 86 to 69. Unfortunately the 2nd side was playing Mulgrave and was washed out and the 3rd side had to withdraw because of COVID problems.

Let's hope we have more luck in the weeks ahead.

The good news is that if you have been thinking of joining a lawn bowls club this is your time to act.

So come down and have a go, you'll love it. We are currently looking for new members to play lawn bowls and are offering all new members, men, women and children a deal you can't go past.

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2. You must remain a member for 2 years.

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4. We have several pennant sides so everybody will get a game of pennant.
5. You will be joining a club with fun loving and friendly members.
6. In the summer we play competitive pennant, and in the winter, we play social bowls.

So, if you're interested in having a go, give Rob a call on 0407326481 he'd love to hear from you.

We are located on the corner of Springvale Rd and Heatherton Rd Springvale.

Lions Club of Dingley Village



We are in need of new members, a great opportunity to help your community. If anybody has any of the following items, they can be left at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

Pre-loved spectacles, sunglasses and hearing aids and used stamps are still needed. Thank you to all who have donated, please keep them coming in.

Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village (public holidays excluded). These meetings are informal and friendly.

For any enquiries, please contact Lynne – 9551 3770 / 0488 004 809. dingleyliions@gmail.com

Probus Club of Dingley Village Inc.



Subject to COVID19 restrictions, our luncheons are held on the first Thursday of each month at 12 noon in the bistro at the Keysborough Hotel. Our morning coffees are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am at The Nest, Waterside Drive, Waterways.

If you haven't already, please RSVP to Vi on 9551 1076 for either or both events. Please take care and keep well. For further information, please contact President Vi on 9551 1076.

Rotary Club Noble Park – Dingley



Active Rotarians – making friends and making a difference

The Rotary Club of Noble Park-Dingley has an active social and project program. Our members love being part of our club and enjoy participating in our activities. Once you get to know us you might like to join us in being part of a network of 1.2 million Rotary volunteers worldwide.

We meet at 6.30pm on the first three Thursdays of each month at Keysborough Golf Club in Hutton Road. Please phone Reny Frighetto on 0437 080333 for more information.

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club (Voice Interest Education of Women)



VIEW is about enjoying friendships, learning, and fun outings, all with the purpose of helping vulnerable Australian children. Women of all ages are welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Fran Thomas, 0419 309 931 franniet@gmail.com
When: Second Tuesday of the month, 10am to 1130.
Place: Keysborough Golf Club Hutton Rd Keysborough

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 which creates reusable shopping bags from donated recycled fabrics. 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.

The group meets each Thursday morning, subject to COVID19 restrictions, at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 9:30-12pm. If you have clean sheets or fabrics you would like to donate, please contact Debbie 0411 058 804 or Helen 0425 862 718.

Dingley Village Men's Shed



The Shed is operating under a COVID-19 safe plan. Member's morning muster: Friday, 9am till 2pm. The Dingley Village Men's Shed is in Cypress Drive, Braeside Park (near Visitors Centre), Lower Dandenong Road. Ph. 9551 5892, E-mail: info@dvms.org.au www.dvms.org.au

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What's On

Wednesdays

Prayer meeting at the church 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. If you have a concern that you would like prayed about ring Margaret on **0401 392 772**.

Know Your Bible

9.30 – 11.00 a.m.
An interdenominational study of the Bible for women. For further information contact Jennifer on **0419 115 811**

First Friday Of Each Month

Indoor Carpet Bowls – 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall followed by supper

Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month

Unleash the Music in You – 8.00 p.m. at the Church. For further information contact Bob Lorraine on **9589 493** or **0418 998 714**.

Christmas Services

Sunday, 19th December – Carols by Candlelight at 7.30 p.m. followed by supper

Christmas Day – 9.00 a.m.

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Web: www.kcc.crm.org.au

Email: admin@crm.org.au

Senior Pastor: Dan Parker

Sunday Services: 10am Service has Children's Ministry

Christmas 2021

A Time to Celebrate. 2021 has been another challenging year in Melbourne. Covid has impacted our lives in some way or another. We spent months in lockdown. Melbourne got the reputation as the most locked down city in the world. A title that we never anticipated. We continued to work from home. Schools were closed and our children were doing remote learning.

Here at Kingston City Church, we livestreamed our church services. It remained important for us to continue to connect with our congregation and wider community.

In December we take time out to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the peace that knowing Jesus brings and how He changes lives. Jesus can bring hope when discouragement and anxiety is widespread.

We plan to hold a covid safe Christmas Carols by Twilight service on Sunday 12 December.

As we prepare for this festive season, we appreciate time with our family and loved ones. On behalf of Kingston City Church may you all have a lovely Christmas, enjoy the food and have a blessed New Year. Keep safe during the holiday season.

Village Church Dingley



"Inspiring people to discover and develop life in Christ"

Church office: 7-9 Fiveways Blvd., Keysborough. 3173

Phone number: **8712 8254**

Email: admin@villagechurch.org.au

www.villagechurch.org.au

Our Church program for DECEMBER is as follows:

Many of our gatherings have returned to face-to-face as well as offering Zoom options. Please check our website for updates or ring the office to confirm.

Christmas Day Service

9.00 a.m. Saturday 25th December Worship Service via livestream through <https://www.villagechurch.org.au>. There is the possibility of an in-person service(s), but particulars will be clarified as new government directions are released.

Sundays

10.00 a.m. Worship Service via livestream through <https://www.villagechurch.org.au>. There is the possibility of an in-person service(s), but particulars will be clarified as new government directions are released. Communion Service – 1st Sunday of every month.

*Kids Church via Zoom. The resumption of in-person Kids Church will be clarified as new government directions are released.

Life Groups

*Tuesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 7th December. Contact office for Zoom link. *Wednesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 8th December. Contact office for Zoom link.

Prayer Time

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via Zoom link. Contact office for link. Monthly – Saturday 18th December; 9-10am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and via Zoom link; Monday 20th December; 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom link. Contact office for links.

Bible Study

*Women's –Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Thursday's fortnightly 10-11.30am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and 2.30-4pm via Zoom, 9th December. Contact office for Zoom link.

*Not held during school holidays.

Marraige & 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.

We believe that now more than ever, Village Church can play a pivotal role in strengthening and encouraging families, as we commit to giving our all to help you out. We have many gifted, equipped and willing members who would love to listen, encourage and give sound advice to you. Village Church desires to help and would love to present practical solutions, to any and every area that brings tension, pain and confusion.

Please give us a call on **0481 352 404**, we'd love to be able to encourage, support and strengthen you.

Our Church Office is at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough. Please feel free to call Lesley on 8712 8254 with any enquiries you may have and leave a message if the office is unattended. Our Pastor is Rodney Hole who may be contacted through the Church Office.

St Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village 3172.
Phone: **9551 6930 or 9547 4877**
Email: Springvale@cam.org.au
Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Truong Nguyen OFM Conv.

Mass Times

Saturdays, 6pm
Sundays, 9.30am
Confession before Mass Saturdays

Important dates for December

Wednesday, 8 December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Advent Program – Prayer and contemplation

Mondays, 22 and 29 November and 6 and 13 December, 7-8.15pm in the Church.

Christmas Services

Friday, 24 December, 5.45pm Carols followed by Mass at Midnight.
Saturday, 25 December, 9.30am, Christmas Day Mass. There will be no 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Sunday, 26 December, 9.30am Mass.

Important dates for January

Saturday, 1 January New Year's Day . Mass 9.30am, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
Saturday, 1 January, 6pm, Vigil Mass
Sunday, 2 January, 9.30am Mass, The Epiphany of the Lord.
Sunday, 9 January, 9.30am Mass, The Baptism of the Lord.

Christ Church Dingley



387 Old Dandenong Road, Dingley (at the roundabout).
Contact: admin@ccd.org.au or **9551 7871** Web: www.ccd.org.au.

Sunday Services (All services subject to Covid Restrictions)

8.30am - Traditional Service with Holy Communion and Hymns.
10.30am - More Contemporary Service with Children's Program.

Christmas Eve 5 pm Family Service.
Christmas Eve 11pm Holy Communion Service.
Christmas Day 9:30am Holy Communion . Sermon recordings can be accessed on the Christ Church Dingley YOUTUBE Chanel, or through the website www.ccd.org.au.

On the second Tuesday each month at 2pm we hold a service with communion and favourite hymns; followed by afternoon refreshments. Transport available on request.

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

Church Office - For all enquiries contact the office: **9551 7871**

Ministers - Associate minister: Rev. Tanya Cummings **0408 912 412**. Youth & children's minister: Baden Harvey.

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