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## MOVING PAST LOCKDOWN

For many of us, the easing of lockdown restrictions brings longed-for opportunities – to see friends, play sports, resume contact with family in 'real space' or get back to work that we value.

We should be prepared for the fact that the end of lockdown might be as hard for us as the start was.

Just as it took us time to find ways of coping during lockdowns, we should also expect that it will take time to find our way back, and to reconnect with life. Things may not be the same as they were before.

Fear and anxiety are possibly the most common emotional responses any of us will feel as we approach the release from lockdown. Finding a way to pull ourselves through lockdowns takes a lot of our emotional energy and we may have found a place that lets us cope, and that we don't want to leave behind just yet.

It's important to acknowledge that these feelings are reasonable, and to expect them. It's only by building up tolerance gently that we can move through these fears.

If possible, take things at your own pace – but try and challenge yourself

to try something different each day or every couple of days. It's very easy to allow the seclusion that was necessary in lockdown to become deliberate isolation as lockdown ends. Celebrate small wins (and big wins) and try to keep a note of what you are achieving.

As we move out of lockdown it's going to be possible to start picking up our social lives again – albeit with changes for the foreseeable future. Some of us are desperate to do so – but others will be nervous about doing so and going back into clubs and public, crowded spaces – or unable to do so because of their situations.

If you are part of a social group doing an activity together, try and plan ways for people who aren't ready for face to face meetings to still take part.

We may have become comfortable in our own space and with our own company in lockdown – it's been intense in all sorts of ways and we might really have to push ourselves to reconnect with people and overcome initial awkwardness.

Whether it's feeling uncomfortable not wearing a mask anymore, or feeling odd to suddenly see people in large groups again, take things at your own pace.

Even if government advice is to no longer socially distance, or to wear a mask, you can decide on what suits you best.



If you are having trouble moving on from lockdown, talk to your doctor or contact a telephone, text or online support service.

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## FARMERS' MARKET

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### Remembrance Day

As there has been much uncertainty about the possibility of holding a Remembrance Day Service on 11th November due to COVID guidelines and the fact that it was not possible to apply for a permit in the necessary time frame, the Rotary Club of Noble Park-Dingley will not be hosting an official Remembrance Day service this year. However, in the days prior to the 11th we will be putting together a small media production about the significance of Remembrance Day which will be shared on the Dingley Village Facebook site as well as on the Rotary Facebook site [npdrotaryclub.org.au](http://npdrotaryclub.org.au). This production will also be shared with our local schools for screening on that day. We would be happy also for you to share it on your own Facebook site.

The last post will be played at the Dingley memorial at 11.00am. We ask that any person or group who would like to put flowers on the memorial to please do so. This can occur at any time during the week leading up to Remembrance Day. Hopefully next year, we will be able to resume normal ANZAC and Remembrance Day services.



### Dingley Village has unexpected visitor

Lockdown has brought many strange events and some of them are special. Check out the Houdini story in this month's dossier, kindly provided by Geoff Hergt.

### Free Community Document Shredding Day 20th November

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre will hold a free shredding day on the 20th November 9am - 1 pm, as part of the Dingley Village Farmers' Market birthday celebrations. Shredding is free (gold coin donations appreciated) to local residents and local non-profit community groups, volume conditions apply. If you have more than 3 archive boxes or you are a small local business please contact [manager@dvnc.com.au](mailto:manager@dvnc.com.au) as a small cost will apply. For further information see Community Shredding article further in the Dossier.



### Senior Services Expo postponed.

The City of Kingston's Senior Services Expo to be held on the 23rd November has been postponed until the 1st March 2022.

## Key Events Happening in November

### 1-30 November: Movember

Movember is an annual, month-long celebration of the moustache, highlighting men's health issues, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men. Mo Bros, supported by their Mo Sistas, start Movember (November 1st) clean shaven and then have the remainder of the month to grow and groom their moustaches. During Movember, each Mo Bro effectively becomes a walking billboard for men's health and, via their Mo, raises essential funds and awareness for Movember's men's health partners.

### 13-21 November: Alopecia Awareness Week

Variety - The Children's Charity is all about helping Aussie kids be kids! Variety is championing Alopecia Awareness Week, raising awareness and raising funds to provide wigs to children affected by the condition. You can get involved by donating your hair to be made into a wig or supporting a fundraiser to purchase a wig for a child.

### 20-28 November: Social Inclusion Week

CONNECT, COLLABORATE & CELEBRATE!

Social Inclusion Week aims to help all Australians feel included and valued, giving everyone the opportunity to participate fully in society. Created by Dr Jonathon Welch AM, founder of the award winning Choir of Hard Knocks, Social Inclusion Week is about connecting local communities, workmates, family and friends, in order to build and strengthen relationships or networks and address isolation and exclusion of those who may be marginalised.

### Justice of the Peace

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# FARMERS MARKET



**OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER  
AND YES IT'S OUR 4TH BIRTHDAY!!**



Cash out facility is available at the Neighbourhood Centre office during the market, if you require extra cash for shopping. Everyone's safety is the priority. Please observe all COVID-19 measures whilst attending the market. Signing in via QR Code, using the Victoria Contact Tracing app or manually recording details, is mandatory when attending the market.

Despite building works, relocation and a pandemic, your local Farmers' Market grows from strength to strength. Subject to COVID Restrictions we hope you will come along and join in the celebrations, we will have a free jumping castle and face painting for children, a selection of Christmas craft stalls in the main hall, buskers and a free community shredding service.



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.

If you have not been before, you are missing out; pop in and see why lots 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. 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.

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. During these times, the market is not a social event but a shop and go event and your cooperation is appreciated.



**DINGLEY VILLAGE  
FARMERS'  
MARKET**

**SATURDAY**

**20th November**

**8.30AM—1 PM**

**31 Marcus Rd,  
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# DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## DVCA Annual General Meeting

The DVCA Annual General Meeting was held online via Zoom on 12 October 2021. Our DVCA Executives for the next year are:

- Chairperson - Leigh Gridley
- Vice Chairperson - Scott Lowther
- Treasurer - Paula McLean
- Secretary - Jon Garrard

Our congratulations to Scott Lowther, who joins the DVCA Executive, as Vice Chairperson. At the AGM DVCA members acknowledged and thanked retiring Vice Chairperson David Madill for his outstanding service in DVCA Executive roles over many years. A dedicated DVCA member, David is a tireless worker and advocate for Dingley Village.

## 2021 Year in Review - DVCA

The DVCA proudly and effectively represented Dingley Village residents in a difficult year for many and despite lockdown constrictions, continued to work with determination, resilience, flexibility and achievement. We are pleased to report some of the issues DVCA members have been actively involved in during the year.

### Dingley Reserve Playground

The new playground at Dingley Reserve was completed and opened. Additional resources (safety measures, rubbish bins etc) were added based on our feedback.

### Souter Oval Redevelopment

Stage 1 of the Souter Oval Redevelopment was successful, resulting in a vision and preliminary plans based on community feedback, as well as the sporting clubs' needs. Work is expected to begin in 2022.

### Chadwick Reserve

The Chadwick Reserve playing surfaces were refurbished, a new playground and skating area were created, and the Pavilion works have commenced.

### Mornington Peninsula Freeway

The Mornington Peninsula Freeway extension, while opposed by many initially, is nearly complete and due to open late 2021. The impact to traffic is now greatly reduced, and communication has been satisfactory.

### Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Redevelopment

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre Redevelopment progressed from Stage 1 to Stage 2 very smoothly, with building expected in 2022. The only notable negative was the replacement of the popular basketball court with a half-sized court. Discussions continue about the possibility of adding replacement basketball facilities at Rowans Road Reserve.

### Centre Dandenong Road Island Crossing

An island crossing was established for safety reasons near Greenwood Village Mews on Centre Dandenong Road. New Pedestrian Crossing - Centre Dandenong Road Shops Research and administration (but not physical work) has progressed on the proposed pedestrian crossing near Mona's Bakery, as well as short-term parking outside the Medical Centre.

### Car Parking - Spring Road and Rowan Road Reserves

Parking was improved around Spring Road and Rowan Road Reserves, with line markings on Spring Road and increased access to the off-street "Stonehenge" on sporting event days. Parking and safety have been considered and changes drafted for the Greenwoods Close / Spring Road intersection at the Off-leash Dog Park. We await Council's final decision on this.

### Hawthorn Football Club

The Hawthorn Football Club gradually progress their plans for the Kennedy Community Centre on Tootal Road, after establishing more government financial contributions. Their communication has been good, and we must ensure that continues.

### Moorabbin Airport

A comprehensive DVCA submission was made to the Moorabbin Airport Masterplan.

### And then there was Kingswood... What's Happening?

Kingswood is becoming a huge issue in the media, covered in The Sunday Age (17 Oct) and online <https://www.theage.com.au/politics/victoria/nation-s-biggest-super-fund-in-battle-over-golf-course-redevelopment-20211015-p590d0.html>. The more exposure, the more chance we can save it or at least get some negotiation! At the Golf Course Standing Advisory Committee Directions hearing, held online 31 August 2021, several statements were made that indicated disadvantage to the community and/or unfair advantage to the Proponent Australian Super. In response DVCA and Save Kingswood have written an open letter to the Planning Minister regarding:

- Statement in the Advisory Committee Directions issued 14 September 2021, accepting Kingswood is surplus to golfing and that the Proponent does not need to address this component of the Guidelines, without providing any explanation, discussion or justification for this.
- Why the City of Dandenong Planning Scheme is to be considered by the Committee when assessing the rezoning and development proposal for Kingswood, located in the City of Kingston.
- Australian Super's total lack of community consultation about this Kingswood rezoning and development proposal.

Following a second Directions Hearings held online on October 15th 2021, the Kingswood Public Hearing is now scheduled to commence on November 15th 2021."

At the Public Hearing, Leigh Gridley, DVCA Chairperson, will present on behalf of the DVCA, as well as Kevin Poulter for Save Kingswood Group, David Madill, Jon Garrard, Mark Dreyfus, Kingston Council and many other key players and concerned citizens.

### To Find Out More

Go to: Save Kingswood website: [www.savedingley.com](http://www.savedingley.com). Here you will find a wealth of additional information about Australian Super's new proposal for Kingswood.

### Friends of Spring Road Reserve - Residents Planting Work

Thank you to everyone who expressed their interest in helping with the planned Spring Road Reserve planting and park improvement works. However due to our extended Corona virus lockdown and restrictions, volunteer planting work by the Friends of Spring Road Reserve has been placed on hold.

We plan to recommence this important work for our park in 2022, as soon as suitable weather conditions exist for successful planting.

### 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. & Jan.) at 7.30pm and new members are most welcome to attend. Meetings are being held via Zoom during any Corona virus shutdown period.

### DVCA Contact Details

For further information please contact the Chairman and Secretary at [dvcasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dvcasecretary@gmail.com), or visit our new DVCA website: [www.dvca.info](http://www.dvca.info)

# OUR COUNCIL

## Council strives for best practice governance

Kingston Council has put together a plan to work towards best practice governance across the organisation following an independent review.

In July 2020, Council engaged an independent firm to conduct a review of Kingston's governance policies, procedures, systems, guidelines and frameworks, against best practice for local government.

The review found a foundation of good governance exists at the City of Kingston and also recommended opportunities for further improvement. Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said overall the findings of the Independent Governance Review were positive but acknowledged there was room for improvement.

"The review presented a number of opportunities to strengthen the level of governance 'maturity' in the organisation," Cr Staikos said. "We want to strive for best practice governance at Kingston and are committed to taking all steps needed to achieve this."

The Independent Governance Review identified Council's current level of governance maturity in relation to the following 5 key areas: outcomes, culture, sustainability, risk and engagement.

The report identified some key recommendations for Council to improve governance, including:

- Provide clarity of the governance accountabilities across the organisation.
- Increase transparency in welcoming and responding to all stakeholder feedback.
- Improve the policy framework to deliver best practice project and guidance.
- Conduct a post COVID review to identify learning and opportunities.
- Benchmark safety, risk, compliance and integrity frameworks.
- Develop an engagement framework with councillors including code of conduct, principles of engagement and working protocols.

"We have drafted a plan to address the recommendations of the review and are

confident that through Council's Good Governance Framework we can build a strong culture to achieve best practice governance across the organisation," Cr Staikos said. The draft implementation plan was presented to the audit committee for review in September.

## Nominations open for Kingston Woman of the Year Award

Nominations are now open for our annual Kingston Woman of the Year Award that celebrates the outstanding contribution that women in Kingston make to industry, community, and society.

Do you know a woman who is a leader in their field, who inspires others or who has made a difference to our community through their exceptional professional or personal achievements? It's time to get your nomination form in!

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said the annual award, launched in 2019, is all about celebrating those women who are making an outstanding and positive difference in our community.

"This will be our fourth Kingston Woman of the Year Award and each year we are overwhelmed with the quality of the nominees," said Cr Staikos. "These are women who make incredible contributions to their community every day, are passionate and devoted to what they do."

Our 2021 Kingston Woman of the Year was Simone Hardham, a local mum who has dedicated much of her life to supporting her community, particularly in the area of mental health. For the first time, we also presented a Lifetime Award. Joan Bradd was recognised for 40 years of outstanding service to the community as a member of Scouts Victoria.

Simone Hardham said receiving the prestigious Woman of the Year Award in 2021 had been hugely humbling and she was proud to have been chosen as the winner from such an outstanding group of women. "If you know a woman in your community who is making great contributions and inspiring others, I strongly encourage you to consider nominating her for this award."

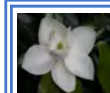
Nominations are now open, and close on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

The winner of the 2022 Kingston Woman of the Year will be announced at Kingston's International Women's Day event on Friday 11 March 2022. Nominations are open in the following categories:

- Courageous Commitment: Women who are dedicated to making a difference to the health, wellbeing, safety and/or sustainability of our community through advocacy, campaigning, fundraising and/or thought-leadership.
- Excelling in Arts and Sport: Women using their sporting and/or creative talents to represent, motivate and inspire our community.
- Inspiring Innovation: Women who are leaders in business, economics, politics and/or an entrepreneur.
- Success in STEM: Women excelling in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Find out more about the Award and nominate someone you know at [kingston.vic.gov.au/kwa](http://kingston.vic.gov.au/kwa)

In addition to the Woman of the Year Award, Kingston also runs a range of other awards throughout the year including the Kingston Citizen of the Year and Community Group of the Year Awards presented on Australia Day, and the Kingston Youth Awards. Visit [kingston.vic.gov.au](http://kingston.vic.gov.au) for more details.



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Do you need police assistance? → Yes: Call 131 444. The Police Assistance Line takes non-urgent crime reports.

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Crime Stoppers Victoria takes tips and information on past and potential criminal activity as well as tips on suspicious behaviour. Crime Stoppers Victoria is unable to provide emergency response services or assist victims of crime.

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



**Australian men are more likely than Australian women to get sick from serious health problems.** Their mortality rate is also much higher. Men die in greater numbers than women from almost every non-sex-specific health problem. Overall, for every two women who die, three men die.

This figure holds true among children too. In deaths due to accidents or drowning, boys account for two out of three deaths. Male deaths outnumber female deaths in every age group apart from the over-65 years, and only because so many men die before reaching retirement. Compared to women, men visit the doctor less frequently, have shorter visits and only attend when their illness is in its later stages.

The top 10 leading causes of death for Australian men, in order from first to last:

- Ischaemic heart disease
- Trachea and lung cancer
- Dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- Chronic lower respiratory diseases
- Cerebrovascular diseases
- Prostate cancer
- Colon and rectum cancer
- Blood and lymph cancer, including leukaemia
- Diabetes
- Suicide.

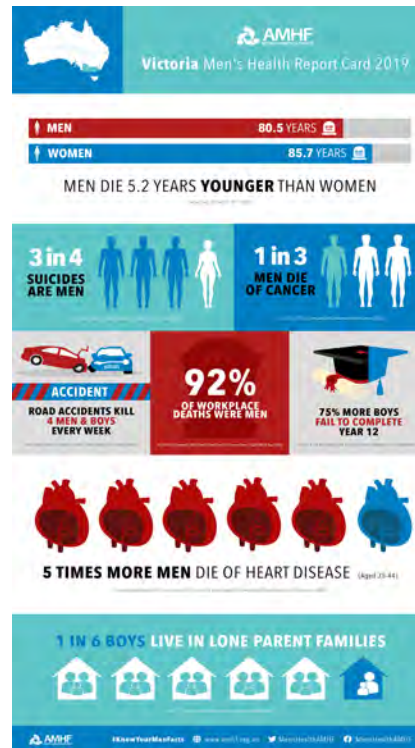
One out of every six Australian men suffers from depression at any given time. Depression is a known high-risk factor for suicide. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, 75% of all suicides are men.

### What can men do to stay healthy?

Have regular medical check-ups. If you are at high risk of a particular disease, get tested for that disease regularly, regardless of your age.

A healthy lifestyle helps improve your physical, mental and emotional health. Look after your health by watching what you eat, being physically active, having an active social life, getting plenty of rest, not drinking too much alcohol and not smoking.

You can take steps to help reduce your risk of disease, such as making sure your immunisations are up to date and handling your food safely. Your mental health is also important. Eating well and exercising can help guard against depression. Being healthy sharpens your memory and stabilises your mood.



A low-stress life can help you sleep better, which leads to more energy.

Good mental health can also be about maintaining healthy relationships, feeling positive about life and experiencing a sense of belonging. Talk about things with someone you know and trust. When unwell see your doctor

Information in this article provided by Better health Chanel, and is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice.



## 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.

[dinglevillage3172.com.au](http://dinglevillage3172.com.au)





**CITY OF KINGSTON WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2021**  
Simone Hardham at the Dingley Village Market.

*If there's any federal issue that you need assistance with, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I'm here to help.*

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# LOOKING AT LOANS



## It's a Hot Real Estate Market

Leading property analysis company CoreLogic estimates there were almost 598,000 house and unit sales across Australia over the year ending August 2021. The highest number of annual sales since 2004, and a 42% increase on the number of sales over the previous 12-month period.

Such a significant surge may seem surprising at a time of pandemic induced lockdown combined with a stop in overseas migration, however that substantial rise in home sales can be explained by a lift in domestic demand from previously low levels.

National turnover reached a record low in June 2019 when only 3.7% of Australian homes transacted over the year. Since then, credit policies have loosened and mortgage rates have reduced to record lows, encouraging more Australians to participate in the housing market.

Additionally, a higher rate of household savings since March 2020 (side benefit of the pandemic) has boosted consumer deposit levels and mortgage serviceability has improved, while

government incentives such as stamp duty concessions and deposit guarantees have also supported demand. Raw numbers relating to how many houses are in Australia, and how often they turn over, can give valuable insights.

### Housing turnover as at August 2021

	Number of dwellings	Annual sales	Annual turnover	20yr average turnover
New South Wales	3,311,600	191,090	5.8%	5.4%
Victoria	2,796,167	129,933	4.6%	4.7%
Queensland	2,142,533	146,687	6.8%	6.5%
South Australia	801,633	39,774	5.0%	4.5%
Western Australia	1,134,500	63,804	5.6%	5.4%
Tasmania	251,233	12,223	4.9%	5.6%
Northern Territory	87,033	3,242	3.7%	4.8%
Australian Capital Territory	184,467	11,085	6.0%	6.2%
<b>Australia</b>	<b>10,709,167</b>	<b>597,838</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

Note the number of dwellings in each State, and the annual turnover as compared to the 20-year average.

The strength of the NSW market is shown when 5.8% of houses have sold within the 12-month period, above the average, concurrent with a housing price boom.

Victorian turnover below the long-term average is a direct result of extended lock downs and supports expectations of a frantic real estate market as we move into spring and the economy re-opens. Recently announced changes in bank assessment rates are designed to temper that market.

These bank changes will have a very real impact on many purchasers. It remains imperative to keep in touch with your broker through the entire purchase process!

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# Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre COMMUNITY SHREDDING DAY

**Saturday 20th November**  
**9am - 1 pm**  
in carpark behind Library  
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# LOCAL SPORTS



## Dingley Football Netball Club



The netball section of our club recently conducted its awards night ceremony in an online Zoom format, which was attended by the vast majority of our fantastic group of young women.



### Club Awards

#### Division Most Valuable Player [MVP] & F

- 1 Bella Hodgson
- 2 Alicia Wonnacott
- 3 Gemma Reynolds
- 5 Esther Gilmore
- 8 Caitlyn van Elewoud
- 10 Kerryln Porter

#### Runner Up

- Kirsty Clark
- Marty Cooper
- Nicole Carmeni
- Elise Knott
- Darcy McGaw
- Stacey McCulloch

#### Coaches Trophy

- Matisse Stynes
- Megan Piper
- Nicole Carmeni
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To say that the club had a successful season, and under the most difficult of circumstances is a huge understatement. Apart from those club individual award winners, the club achieved 3 Minor Premierships, which were awarded to the teams finishing top in their divisions, 3 league Most Valuable Player Awards and 3 competition Leading Goal Scorers.

### SFNL AWARDS

- Alicia Wonnacott
- Gemma Reynolds
- Caitlyn van Elewoud
- Darcy McGaw
- Kerryln Porter
- Stacey McCulloch
- Bella Hodgson
- Bianca Waras
- Nicole Carmeni

- Division 2 MVP
- Division 3 4th placed MVP
- Division 8 MVP
- Division 8 Runner Up MVP
- Division 10 MVP
- Division 10 Runner Up MVP
- Division 1 Leading goal scorer
- Division 2 Leading goal scorer
- Division 3 Leading goal scorer



Congratulations go to all award winners, but the DFNC considers that all who participate are winners.



Thanks go to all our netball coaches, volunteers and supporters who made it such a successful season.

Similar outstanding results were achieved on the football field and those results will appear in next month's Dossier.



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# HARRY HOUDINI

## Houdini – The Case of the Disappearing Visitor.

How many of you have had a "special visitor" who arrived uninvited and entertained all who came in contact with the unique features of this visitor? Well we did and we are still talking about it. Here's what happened.

Working in my office overlooking the common area in our complex of ten units I noticed a small brown object making its way across the grassy area the children use for a playground. I was transfixed because I had not seen anything like it in the seven years I have lived here.

As it made its way from the central grassy area to the various garden beds in front of each unit it made several circuits of the complex stopping from time to time to feast on the few other natives it could find.



I took my iPhone with me to get a closer look and perhaps a pic or two. By now a couple of other residents had seen me and wondered what it was that I was so interested in. They too were soon fixated by our visitor.

Our complex is in Lower Dandenong Road right opposite Braeside Park. With the traffic halted for a couple of weeks whilst workmen finish the roadworks around the new freeway we believe our visitor simply walked across what would normally be a very busy thoroughfare and into our place. An amazingly brave act in itself.

So up the driveway it came but when anything caused it to seek shelter it quickly burrowed into the nearest bit of soft ground it could find.

By now the children in the complex had become inquisitive and were squealing with delight and asking all kinds of difficult questions. With the pics they took on their mobile phones, show and tell at school was sure to be a real hit!!

Our dilemma now was "What to do with the little critter?"

One of the mums went away to make a couple of phone calls and before you could say 'Jack Robinson' Ranger Andrew arrived with the necessities to restrain and deliver our "visitor" back into the park. Well our little 'Houdini' was having none of this and made several attempts to avoid capture.

At which point Andrew departed leaving me with an animal transportation box and towel. The idea being that I would catch it and hold it overnight for Andrew to collect the next morning.

After many unsuccessful attempts we finally coaxed it into a plastic animal box which had a metal grate at the front of the box with a spring loaded catch. In it went, quiet but not too happy about the process. I put the box in my garage and locked the tilt door then advised Andrew that we had achieved success.

The next morning Andrew arrived to collect our visitor only to find that 'Houdini' had not only found a way to open the grate on the box but had opened the locked garage door and bolted. The door was ajar but still locked.

We feel that under the cover of darkness our visitor had taken its leave and gone back home. At least we hope that is what happened as we searched the grounds to no avail and were delighted that there was no squished little critter on the road outside.

So, keep an eye out around your place; you could be asking "guess who's coming to dinner"?



Text and pics by Geoff Hergt



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## Love Your Eyes

With World Sight Day just passing in October and still being in the middle of a pandemic, the theme was "Love Your Eyes," which has been very difficult over the past 18 months.

Loving your eyes is something that has been more challenging as increased screen-time and its effect on myopia (short-sightedness), to children's eye health and adults' poor visual habits, along with reduced access to optometry care and a lack of time outdoors has affected every one of us.

### Take the pledge to #LoveYourEyes

1. Have an eye test as soon as you can.
  2. Don't ignore changes in your vision.
  3. Maintain your ongoing treatment if you have an existing eye condition.
- Eye tests are the early warning system for vision loss and can save your sight.
  - The number of Australians living with vision loss and the associated costs are likely to almost double by 2030 as the Australian population ages, unless action is taken now.
  - In Australia, approximately 90% of vision loss and blindness is preventable or treatable and can be attributed to five main conditions – refractive error (correctable by glasses or contact lenses), diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, cataract and glaucoma.
  - Diabetes is a leading cause of avoidable vision loss, but currently only half of people living with diabetes get the recommended eye tests.



So now that restrictions are easing, and we are allowed more freedom to move around and see more of our friends and family, do not forget about what allows you to enjoy those freedoms? Your sight is the most important sense that we have. Let's enjoy life getting back to normal, but we encourage you to not forget about your eye health and vision.

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## Youth Group

Everyone's scouting journey is different and along the way they learn many life skills and enjoy many adventures. Some youth stay in scouting for many years and later introduce their own children to scouting. Recently, one of our Cub Scouts completed her Grey Wolf award. This is the pinnacle achievement in the cub scouts section.



Congratulations Eloise. We are all really proud of you. There are a number of requirements involved in earning this big achievement including writing a piece reflecting on their time in the relevant section. This is an extract of Eloise's reflection.

## My time as a Cub Scout by Eloise (Dingley Scout Group)

Hi, my name is Eloise, and I am now 11 years old. I joined the Cubs when I was 7 years old. Over the years I have met many people and made many new friends. This has helped me learn to respect others' skills and capabilities and to interact with many different people. Some of my favourite things to do in Cubs were all the different activities.

Going to camps often meant new things to try. I liked how some of the activities challenged my confidence levels and comfort zone, like the flying fox. I wasn't sure at first but loved it and kept going back for more. There was always a huge variety of activities on camp that were fun and inclusive. I was lucky enough to go to Cuboree this year. Cuboree is a week-long camp that only happens every three years. Cubs from all over Victoria get together for this 'once in a lifetime' event.

One of my favourite activities was the mud run. There was mud everywhere and obstacles and more mud, and it was fun. A big part of Cub Scouts is badges. As part of our journey, badges are like souvenirs. There are many badges to earn over many categories. Some of my favourites were World Friendship, First Aid, Animals & Birds, Cooking and Entertainment.

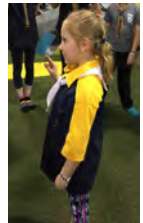
As I am leaving the Cubs, I am leaving with pride knowing I have fulfilled my goals of making tonnes of friends and having learnt new things. I am also proud of persevering when I didn't feel comfortable with things.

I am leaving as a sixer, a leader of my pack, a role I held with pride and have enjoyed. Being a sixer has taught me how to commit to something and how to deal with different people. It has given me confidence to step forward and put my hand up. I have enjoyed Cubs overall and hope that more and more people will decide to join and feel the way I do.

Want to 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.

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## Transitioning into retirement

If you're nearing retirement age but don't want to stop work entirely, another option might be to transition into retirement. For those over 60, Transition to Retirement (TTR) pensions are tax-free and TTR strategies can provide a number of benefits.

Let's look at some options available to 62-year-old accountant, Brian. He works full time and is on an annual salary of \$100,000.

### Easing into retirement

First up, Brian might consider reducing his hours as he prepares for retirement. Dropping from five to three days a week will see his \$100,000 annual salary reduce by \$40,000 to \$60,000. But as his tax bill also falls, from \$24,967 to \$11,167, his net income only drops by \$26,200. Subject to minimum and maximum pension payment rules, and as the pension payments are exempt from tax, Brian only needs to start a TTR pension paying \$26,200 each year to maintain his current lifestyle.

### One thing to be aware of

Based on Brian's reduced hours his employer's super contributions will decrease by \$3,400 after contributions tax of 15% is taken into account. Most simply, Brian could add this amount to his pension payments, and make a non-concessional contribution to his super.

### Bridging a gap

TTR pensions can also help bridge the gap if household income takes a hit. What if Brian has no plans to reduce his hours, but illness prevents his partner from working for several months?

He could start a TTR to tide them over and help meet mortgage repayments or medical expenses. However, once the crisis has passed the TTR pension will need to continue, as it can't be withdrawn as a lump sum.

Alternatively, it can either be converted to a regular account based pension when Brian either turns 65 or permanently retires, or rolled back into the accumulation phase.

### Boosting super savings by reducing tax

With his partner restored to health and back at work, and Brian still working

full time, what can he do with the now surplus income from the TTR pension? One strategy is to make salary sacrifice contributions to super.

Brian is able to salary sacrifice up to \$17,500 of his pre-tax income to superannuation (the difference between the concessional cap of \$27,500 less compulsory employer contributions of \$10,000). Taken as salary, \$6,037 of that \$17,500 would go in tax. Make a concessional contribution to super and the tax could be reduced to just \$2,625, a difference of \$3,412!

If there's still money to spare after the salary sacrifice contribution is made Brian can look at making non-concessional contributions to superannuation where earnings will only be taxed at 15%, significantly less than his marginal tax rate.

### Getting it right

If you're approaching retirement, it might be worth checking out what a TTR strategy may be able to achieve for you. It's a complex area, so make sure you talk to your licensed financial planner before you act.

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## That Seat

Henry ordered a beer and looked for a place to sit. The seats at the bar were taken except for one right in the centre which he assumed belonged to someone who had ducked out to make room for more beer.

It was a rare pub that was busy, but not noisy. People talked, or just sat; some reading. There were no TV screens. No loud music. Henry found a seat at a table. He read his paper and when he ordered another beer, he noticed the seat at the bar was still empty. He finished his second beer and caught the tram home. What a find, he thought, what a lovely pub.

He found himself drawn to repeating the process the next day. Again, the seat was empty, again he sat at a table and watched. When he ordered his second beer the barman, without saying more than was necessary, implied a recognition.

Enough for Henry to convince himself he was accepted, if not a true regular. The following day, Henry had trouble concentrating on the research he was doing at the library. Why was that seat empty? The only explanation he could imagine was that it was damaged. After ordering his beer the barman seemed even more approachable with a "how are we today." Henry took the chance as, while the pub was just as busy as usual, the barman was drying a few glasses.

"Is this seat taken?"

"Sorry, it is."

"Well, I have a strange question for you?"

The barman looked up and raised an eyebrow.

"I've been here three days in a row, and it is always empty."

"It's Sam's." Someone ordered a drink. The barman turned to the man sitting next to the seat. Henry recognised him as another regular. "Josh, can you explain it to..."

"Henry."

"Henry," Josh started, "It is Sam's seat and has been for about 20 years. Sam was an exceptional man."

"In what way?"

"He was what most people look for in a friend. He was generous, kind, witty, interested in the people around him and curious about almost everything. Every evening he was here, and that was nearly every evening there was, interesting talk and fun."

"And what happened to him?"

"He died of cancer."

"And you keep his seat empty because he has gone?"

"But he hasn't gone."

Henry gave a puzzled look and Josh laughed.

"We used to discuss carking it because we're all getting on a bit and this used to come up all the time. This then moved on to life after death and religion. We had some great discussions – and rows."

"So, where did Sam stand on all this?"

"Well, he believed in a life after death but not in the way we normally think of it."

"Really?"

"Yes, he believed that whatever we did in life would remain behind in some way. Whether we wrote a book, built something, produced kids, made someone happy, argued for a cause. That would be our legacy – our life after death. And Sam was such an exceptional character we all felt that he left a lot – he had an effect on anyone who got to know him. That's why we keep this seat for him. He's still here for all those who knew him."

"I wish I had known him." Henry's voice had dropped in tone and volume.

"If you hang around here long enough, you'll hear stories about Sam and you'll think you did know him. That's the sort of man he was."

Henry left that evening determined to learn more about Sam.

Paul P, 2021



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# FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

We are still unable to leave metropolitan Melbourne, but the expanded 15km radius now offers me walks beyond Braeside Park - which is a freedom I can't resist.

I measured the distance, put on a mask, and set off to spot birds at Mordialloc Creek, Patterson River and Edithvale Seaford Wetlands trails. Lots of other people did likewise, but not necessarily masked nor following the rules for dogs on leads. It's strange; many dog owners carry that leash along the trails as their dog(s) runs ahead of them, or into the water to chase birds. When the trail ends, and there is a road, then Fido goes on the leash.

If I remind dog owners that they are on an on-leash trail, and that there are nesting birds, then they either choose to ignore me, or inform me that their dog is well behaved and they have been walking here for years and tell me to have a nice day! (You know! Like those people who tell you that they are good drivers who shouldn't have speed-limits!)

But, I have to write that in contrast the Kingston Council officers whose job it is to follow up reports about these selfish, foolish pet-owners (and their dogs) do respond courteously and promptly. They have heard it all as well, apart from: "Sorry, I will put the leash on immediately". The favourite is: "I pay rates!" (Which I guess means to them that you're then allowed to break local rules? Perhaps "I pay taxes!" then means that you can then commit crimes?)

Please, Parks Victoria, never allow dogs in Braeside Park! Think of the terror that would be inflicted on the wetland birds, lizards and echidnas. You cannot see any of these creatures outside Braeside Park because of irresponsible dog owners and a few other factors.

During these walks, I was interested how residents expand their property beyond their back fences. (Perhaps, because they pay rates?) There were mown, minute footy fields complete with goal posts, bike jumps, fruit trees and a prickly pear patch! Now prickly pear is a fast-growing, impossibly hardy, invasive and controlled weed in Victoria. Further along, there were prickly pear cuttings dumped. (By a rate payer? feeling that they hadn't had their money's worth?) Thank you to Andrew, a Kingston Council's Parks & Reserves' officer, who was on the job searching for the prickly pear patch. There are no prickly pears in Braeside Park, but there are patches to be seen in some gardens in Dingley Village.

**The majority of Australia's controlled weeds were deliberately introduced, and then escaped from gardens doing terrible damage to our natural environment.**

The highly toxic and very invasive, white arum lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) is spread by bird droppings and stormwater. It is established in parts of Braeside Park. COVID 19 has put on hold the Friends of Braeside Park volunteers, especially the Wednesday Group, who used to spend many hours weeding in the park to maintain this public treasure, without even thinking about rates!

Many of the pretty flowers that grow in our Dingley gardens such as agapanthus, nasturtiums, morning glory, sweet pittosporum and freesias, can escape into the park. If you think weeding is a pain in a suburban plot, try weeding 295 hectares! Walking those other trails made me appreciate the Kingston Council's Parks officers who vegetate and maintain these indigenous riparian ecosystems along the creeks and waterways. And, I did spot lots of birds but not as many as I do in Braeside Park!

Walking these trails reminded me why Braeside Park and other connecting Green Wedge reserves and open spaces, such as the Kingswood Golf Course, are worth protecting from weeds, cats, dogs, rabbits, foxes, property developers, and superannuation funds.

Once the restrictions lift, consider spending Wednesday mornings assisting the rangers and other volunteers planting, weeding and restoring our unique indigenous park.

Judith Sise, President.



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David Maddill joined our happy band several years ago and has provided outstanding leadership and guidance to us since that time.

His passion for "social justice" parallels with us, none more to the forefront than in 2020.

David has involved himself in many, many organisations within Dingley Village, and given generously of his time and skill.

The pandemic has not exactly turned MADDV upside down, but COVID-19 has brought over 100 families in crisis, to our door each week.

We are not well-funded and yet manage to support those at our door.

David is well-versed in studying financial reports and can ensure we are on the correct path.

**Staff and volunteers thank him for his support and wish him and Robyn well in the future.**

At our recent AGM, Scott Lowther was appointed chairman and we welcome him aboard

# CIRCLING THE CLUBS



## Probus Club Dingley Central



The club has been conducting our general meetings, morning coffee and happy hour, on Zoom. This has been a great opportunity to keep our club together through lockdown, being very informative and happy occasions. At our September meeting, the guest speaker, jeweller Adrian Dickens, presented a fascinating insight into the film actress, Elizabeth Taylor, well known for her unique beauty and passion for jewels.

Through a series of photos, we were able to appreciate these beautiful pieces of jewellery, created from every precious gem imaginable and the intriguing stories behind their purchases. Two of the most publicised jewels were the magnificent Krupp Diamond and the Cartier Diamond necklace, gifted to her by Richard Burton.

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

## Country Women's Association Dingley Village



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

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DINGLEY VILLAGE will hopefully be meeting this month as restrictions are lifted. Every year we hold our Christmas cake & craft stall in late November or early December at Woolworths Dingley Village.

Members have been busy making hand crafted items and will bake cakes, biscuits & slices and homemade jams and relish so please look for us. Dingley Village branch meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the 24th November, 2021. A craft morning is held at 10 a.m. every second Wednesday at the home of one of our members.

If you would like to become a member or would like more information, please contact our President Kathie Jacobs on **0403 468 969** or Secretary Diana Muir on **9580 6150** or email [dingleyvillagecwa@gmail.com](mailto:dingleyvillagecwa@gmail.com).

## Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Restrictions have caused the group to cancel all our functions however it is our intention to resume our usual social activities as soon as possible.

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.

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 - Are we there yet Dad?

## Burden Park Bowls Club



Bloody COVID-19, when will it be over?

Summer Saturday pennant has been put back from October to the 13th of November. Midweek Tuesday pennant starts on the 16th of November, they both go for 14 weeks.

The good news is that if you have been thinking of joining a lawn bowls club, this is your time to act. We are currently open for social bowls, unfortunately the club house can't be opened. 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.

The first year is free with some small conditions.

1. You must play at least one game of pennant for Burden Park.
2. You must remain a member for 2 years.

What you will receive:

1. Free coaching.
2. Free pennant shirt.
3. A key to get in to bowl whenever you like. (\$50.00 deposit is required).
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.

## Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

As it turned out, we were unable to hold any of our planned activities in October (thanks to COVID 19 restrictions of course). Again, our desire is that we will be back to more or less normal sometime soon. Meanwhile, we hope that you manage to stay well and happy.

Please keep in touch with each other and for any news regarding possible 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.

## 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

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. dingleylions@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

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

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# CHURCHES & CHALLENGES



## Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church



316-322 Kingston Road, Clarinda, 3169 (near Clayton & Boundary Roads intersection).

All enquiries phone **9580 6983**  
[www.heathertondingleyuca.org.au](http://www.heathertondingleyuca.org.au)

### Our Vision and our Mission:

To seek to connect people to God and each other.

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

### What's On (DEPENDENT ON COVID RESTRICTIONS)

#### 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**.

#### St Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village 3172. Office open Tuesdays 8:30am to 11:30am.

Phone / Fax: **9551 6930**

Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Truong Nguyen OFM Conv.

**Baptism:** Bookings through the St. Joseph's parish office, Springvale.

**(9547 4877)**. Baptisms will be held at St Joseph's Springvale and St Mark's Dingley on alternate months- contact the church offices.

**Weddings:** By appointment only

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

### Some important dates for November:

1st November All Saints Day  
2nd November All Souls Day  
9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
10th November St Leo the Great Pope & Doctor  
13th November St Frances Xavier Cabrini Virgin  
18th November Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul  
21st November Christ the King  
28th November 1st Sunday of Advent  
30th November St Andrew Apostle

### 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](mailto:admin@villagechurch.org.au)  
[www.villagechurch.org.au](http://www.villagechurch.org.au)

Our Church program for NOVEMBER is as follows: Please check our website for updates or ring the office to confirm if our gatherings have returned to face-to-face as well as offering Zoom options.

#### Sundays

10.00 a.m. Worship Service via livestream through <https://www.villagechurch.org.au> Communion Service – 1st Sunday of every month if meeting in person.

\*Kids church at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough – 9am via Zoom classes for preschool to Grade 6 until in person gatherings resume. All are welcome. Contact office for Zoom link.

#### Life Groups

\*Tuesday nights – fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 9th and 23rd November. Contact office for Zoom link.

\*Wednesday nights – fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 10th and 24th November. Contact office for Zoom link.

#### Prayer Time

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

Monthly – Monday 15th November 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom link and Saturday 20th November; 9-10am via Zoom link. Contact office for links.

#### Bible Study

\*Women's –Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Thursdays fortnightly via Zoom 10-11.30am and 2.30-4pm via Zoom, 11th and 25th November. Contact office for Zoom link. \*Not held during school holidays.

#### Marriage & Family Support:

For nearly 80 years, Village Church has served the people of Dingley Village and its surrounding suburbs. We greatly value the involvement that we have always had in our community and desire to make a difference for the greater good of all.

As a caring church, our heart is to serve the community, by having an impact in and amongst its families. In today's climate, families and marriages are under attack; many relationships are strained and are at breaking point. Many don't know where to turn, who to trust and as a result become despondent and disillusioned with life.

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.

### Christ Church Dingley



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

**CCD Weekly sermons** can be accessed through our Website each Sunday. [www.ccd.org.au](http://www.ccd.org.au) Streaming at 10.30 am. (Past services are accessible here also)

#### Tuesday Monthly Communion and Favourite Hymns

Every second Tues. All welcome. Followed by afternoon refreshments. Transport available on request.

#### Roundabout Op Shop

The Roundabout Op Shop offers many bargains on good quality clothes, bric a brac, books and toys with friendly and personal service.

#### Normal hours:

- Wednesdays 9.30am - 4pm
- Thursday's 9.30am - 1.30pm
- Saturday's 9.30am - 1.30pm

We are once again taking Donations of Clean and Useable items, but cannot accept electrical goods, bedding or baby/child equipment. Come & visit us at the Roundabout ... when the Flags are out, we are Open!

#### Regular Ministries

##### Professional Counselling

Appointments: **9551 7871**

##### Medical Mission Aid Stall

First Sunday of every month 8am until 1pm (before and after morning services). Beautiful homemade goods, new items, and yummy cakes, jams and relishes. Funding provides medical supplies to six hospitals in Tanzania, Kenya and Nepal.

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.

### Kingston City Church



**Our Vision:** Connecting People To Jesus Christ

**Our Mission:** Reach, Restore, Relate, Resource And Release.

Ph: **8551 6600**, Fax: **8551 6690**.

Web: [www.kcc.crm.org.au](http://www.kcc.crm.org.au)

Email: [admin@crm.org.au](mailto:admin@crm.org.au)

Senior Pastor: Dave Harrison

10am Service live streamed on YouTube & Facebook at Kingston City Church

It has been a challenging season for all parts of the community. Churches have not been exempted from the restrictions on gatherings or connection that everyone is facing. This has meant we have not had the opportunity to travel and send our people to do their normal international relief and support work.

There were plans to travel to Turkey for work with Syrian and Iranian refugees and churches that are running education and feeding programs on the Turkey/Syrian border. There was also plans to send our pastors to help and church and local leaders in South Sudan with training. We also send a team to work among children in poor communities every year and it had to be cancelled.

What we have done is send support to a church in the Philippines and South Sudan that is struggling with COVID ravaging the community. There are other groups we support and try to bring encouragement to during the world-wide pandemic. Even while COVID wrecks havoc across the world, other disasters don't cease and there is tremendous need.

As a church community, we believe in setting finances aside to be a blessing to people with whom we have relationship that need our help. Jesus said to go to the nations and preach the good news. Part of the good news is what we can do to bring material help, but the most important good news is the message of the free gift of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ.

Pastor Dan Parker



### The Salvation Army Kingston City 'You Belong'

13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village. Office Phone: **(03) 9558 2045**  
[facebook.com/KingstonCitySalvos](https://facebook.com/KingstonCitySalvos)  
[www.salvationarmy.org.au/kingstoncity/](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/kingstoncity/)  
Corps officers (ministers): Major Jennifer Cloke and Auxiliary Lieutenant James Singer.

#### Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am - 4pm.

**Our Mission** - The Salvation Army Australia is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus, by caring for people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities, & working for justice.

#### Our Vision

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

#### Family Worship Service

If you would like to receive a video link to our Sunday worship services, or a Sunday worship pack sent by mail, please email [kgreception@gmail.com](mailto:kgreception@gmail.com) or phone **9558 2045** and we will be in touch.

#### Emergency Relief | Casework

The Salvation Army Kingston City Doorways team offers assessments for emergency relief (currently via phone). Please phone **9558 2045**, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am - 4pm.

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