



THE DINGLEY DOSSIER

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KEEP SAFE THIS WINTER

Winter is here and that means products like heaters, electric blankets, hot water bottles and heat packs are coming out of storage or being purchased. These products don't just pose a safety risk if used or stored incorrectly, they can become unsafe when used together, or with other products.



Smoke alarms

Each year, more than 50 people across Australia die from house fires and many more are injured. Most of the homes do not have working smoke alarms. Only working smoke alarms can provide early warning and time to escape. You lose your sense of smell when you are asleep. A working smoke alarm reduces your chance of dying in a house fire by half.



Electric blankets

If you remove your electric blanket once the colder months are over, always store it rolled up, not folded. Inspect it before use and look for frayed fabric, exposed elements, damaged cords or scorch marks before using it again. If you notice any damage to your electric blanket, throw it away. Damaged or faulty electric blankets can cause an electric shock or fire hazard.



Children's clothing

Children's clothing and nightwear with a 'low fire danger' label is still flammable, so always keep children away from open heat sources, like fireplaces and heaters. Multiple children are admitted to hospital each year due to their clothing catching fire.

Heaters

Heaters need to be checked every year, no matter how old they are. Make sure there are no exposed wires or loose connections on the cables. Only use one appliance per power point and switch each one off when not in use. Gas heaters must be vented adequately as the carbon monoxide produced when the gas is burnt is odourless, colourless and deadly. It is particularly important to have gas heaters serviced regularly by a qualified tradesperson to ensure that there are no carbon monoxide leaks. Never use a gas heater or BBQ made for outdoor use inside your home.

Fireplace

Regular maintenance of fireplaces, combustion heaters, flues and chimneys must be undertaken by a qualified person a minimum of once a year (at the start of winter) to ensure that the heater or fireplace works properly and safely.



<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/winter-health-hazards-at-home>
<https://www.cota.com.au/winter-safety-at-home/>
<https://www.productsafety.gov.au/news/well-winter-safety-tips>
<https://www.cbs.sa.gov.au/campaigns/winter-safety-tips>

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 19TH JUNE | 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.

COMMUNITY

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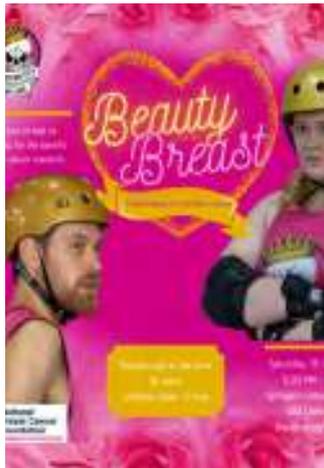
Get your skate on

Kingston City Rollers is a not for profit athletic organization. We are an inclusive, open gender roller derby league that accepts and welcomes skaters of all skill levels, genders and from all backgrounds. The diversity of people attracted to roller derby is what makes it so appealing. Winter is a very active time for us and we have a few events coming up.



'Beauty and the Breast' fundraiser (Saturday, 19th June). We will be raising funds to support and help the National Breast Cancer Foundation with the cost of their research into breast cancer. The fundraiser will showcase two roller derby games, one women and one open gender, as we know that breast cancer doesn't discriminate between genders. More information can be found on our website www.kingstoncityrollers.com.au or our Facebook event page <https://fb.me/e/2chVMWABj>

'Skate 101' (Sunday, 20th June), is our eight-week skating program for anyone new or needs a refresher on individual skating skills. Participants will need to be 18+ years of age. Our program focuses on teaching you the basics of skating, and building your confidence to become a competent skater. More information can be found out on website www.kingstoncityrollers.com.au or our Facebook event page <https://fb.me/e/fXsRUvL58j>.



Come and enjoy our friendly, welcoming and inclusive environment. More information can be found on our website www.kingstoncityrollers.com.au, or by contacting Exy on **0400 945 625**, or email enquiries@kingstoncityrollers.com.au

Winter Safety Reminder

With winter approaching, we start using heaters and other equipment to stay warm, but to be safe we need to remember:

- Check all heaters – gas and electric – at the start of every winter for wear and tear, and safe operation.
- Ensure that heaters are in a safe, stable location where people or pets can't accidentally knock them over.
- Check electric blankets thoroughly – faulty blankets can overheat, cause a shock, burn or start a fire. Inspect it by laying it out flat on the bed, turning it on and checking for hot spots.
- Roll electric blankets rather than fold them when not in use.
- Use hot – never boiling – water to fill hot water bottles.

- Replace hot water bottles at least every two years. They may look OK, but the rubber could be perished on the inside.
- Wrap hot water bottles in a towel or pillow case to avoid direct contact with skin.

Crazy Sox Day at Make A Difference

Make A Difference would like to thank the children of Dingley Village for their support. Mayor Steve and Councillor George accompanied us as we visited several schools and kindergartens in May. Thanks to the staff for their cooperation and the families for sending the children along with such delightful socks! We at Make A Difference need to assure parents and the school community that ALL gold coins in our rattle tins will be used to assist families in crisis and those experiencing difficulties in these changing times.



Accessible Parking Permits

Victoria's disability parking permit system has changed with the introduction of the Accessible Parking Permit (APP) scheme by the Victorian Government.

The new system is a fairer system for allocating disabled parking permits and better aligns with the Australian Disability Parking Permit Scheme (ADPS).

If you require a new permit or your current permit is about to expire, you will need to apply using the new application process.

Requiring a new permit

1. Start your application online at accessibleparking.vic.gov.au
2. You'll receive an application reference number via text message (SMS) to a mobile phone.
3. Take your reference number to your GP or occupational therapist.
4. Your GP/occupational therapist completes an assessment and submits the application online.
5. Your local council reviews the application.
6. If your application is successful, you'll receive your permit in the mail.

Replacing a Lost Permit

1. Complete a statutory declaration to formally declare the permit is missing.
2. Start your replacement application online at accessibleparking.vic.gov.au
3. You'll receive a replacement application reference number via text message (SMS) & email
4. Your local council reviews the application
5. If your application is successful, you'll pick up the permit from your council and will need to provide the statutory declaration at time of collection.
6. If you don't have access to a mobile phone or the internet, please phone our customer service centre on **1300 653 356** to discuss other options for completing the form.

Crafty Crafters

Do you have a craft project lying around unfinished? Are you doing some craft work but would like to join other people doing their own work?

Feel like coming in, having a coffee and a chat while finishing your project?

The Neighbourhood Centre has a Crafty Crafters group that will be meeting every Friday afternoon 1:30pm - 3:30pm starting Friday 23rd April. Gold coin donation.

Cleaner Needed

Contract cleaner required. Must have ABN and driver's license Please call Marie on **0415 215 642**.

Justice of the Peace

Malcolm Gilbert:
0418 549 800

Marion Harriden:
9551-1799

Allan Harris:
0412 073 719

COVID-19 VACINATION CENTRE

Now open at Sandown Racecourse

You can book an appointment at the vaccination centre by calling 1800 675 398. Open every day 9am-5pm, walk-ins accepted from 9am-3pm

It's easier than ever to get the COVID-19 vaccine – and everyone aged 50 and over is eligible for the Astra Zeneca vaccine now.

Getting vaccinated helps protect you from getting sick from COVID-19. The vaccines being used in Australia are effective at preventing serious illness and loss of life from COVID-19.

The vaccines are safe and free.

Sandown Racecourse 591-659
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Free parking available on-site, with priority parking available. Enter via Princes Highway only.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

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(inside Neighbourhood Centre)

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FARMERS MARKET



Our next Market is on Saturday 19th June

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

Whilst we have a core group of permanent stall holders, we also have casual stalls which may only come for a few markets as their product has a limited season, so we encourage you to pop along to the market regularly to check out our wide and ever changing range of produce.

As we move into the cooler months it's all about comfort food. Think about beautiful rich casseroles and curries.



Diced beef from Moorabool River Beef is the perfect slow cooking cut. Moorabool River Beef produce premium bulk beef packs from healthy and contented cattle raised on their farm in a natural stress free environment.

Spud sisters have winter potatoes to go with your comfort food, roasted, mashed or fried, the perfect side to any meal



When are Villa Salumi Signature pork sausages not pork sausages? When they're transformed into meatballs!



We also have delicious hot food on sale, to warm up your tummy whilst shopping. gozleme, giant spring rolls, bacon & egg rolls, potato twists and a large range of pies.



As COVID restrictions lift we hope to soon restart our children's activities and welcome back buskers for your entertainment. 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.

DINGLEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY

19th June

8.30AM—1 PM

31 Marcus Rd,
Dingley Village

Free entry & parking

www.dvnc.com.au/farmersmarket

OUR COUNCIL

Kingston Draft Budget focuses on high-quality services and facilities

Kingston Council has released a Draft Budget for 2021–2022 which prioritises delivering a broad range of high-quality services and maintaining vital infrastructure, while investing in exciting new projects that will help to strengthen our community.

Mayor Steve Staikos said the proposed draft budget will continue to build a strong, connected Kingston community. "This budget enables us to continue to deliver all the essential services our community expects while also investing \$74.4 million in new projects across our city," said Cr Staikos.

"This Draft Budget has been carefully developed to ensure our community has access to well-maintained quality infrastructure, that our local sports clubs are supported, accessibility upgrades continue to be rolled out across the municipality and our children have access to quality early years learning." Cr Staikos said Council had worked hard to deliver a financially responsible budget and is well-placed to meet the Victorian Government's rate capping policy of 1.5%.

The Draft Budget's \$74.4 million capital works program focuses on delivering a wide range of projects and initiatives to promote an active, healthy and supported community, future-proof sites and encourage participation. These include the construction of new sports pavilions at:

- Souter Reserve in Dingley (\$2.45 million)
- GR Bricker Reserve in Moorabbin (\$2 million),
- Aspendale Sports Ground Pavilion (\$1.8 million), and
- Chadwick Reserve in Dingley (\$2.7 million)

This year's budget also includes \$1.8 million towards the construction of a pavilion at Roy Dore Reserve in Carrum, as part of a \$9 million commitment to overhaul the precinct.

"One of the major projects we're investing in, is the redevelopment of the Mentone Life Saving Club and precinct," said Cr Staikos. "We've allocated \$11.8 million in this budget towards the \$14.5 million project which will future-proof

this well-used community asset and enable everyone to access our beautiful Mentone foreshore area." Council has also allocated funding to develop a new regional playground at Peter Scullin Reserve in Mordialloc.

"We're also continuing to invest in Council's long-held commitment to create a Chain of Parks in our Green Wedge through projects like the creation of a new park for the community at Elder Street South Reserve in Clarinda," Cr Staikos said.

The Draft Budget features provisions to improve the accessibility of the city's Scout and Girl Guides Halls and renewal of Kingston's footpaths, roads and drainage networks. These vital works are part of Council's ongoing and significant investment in community asset renewal.

Have your say on the Draft 2021–2022 Budget. The Draft Budget can be viewed at Council's Customer Service Centres, at your local library and online at kingston.vic.gov.au

Written submissions on the Draft Budget are invited by 5pm, Thursday 3 June via:

- online by visiting yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/202122budget
- email to info@kingston.vic.gov.au
- Mail to Manager Finance & Corporate Performance, Kingston City Council, PO Box 1000, Mentone, 3194.

A Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 6.30pm to hear presentations of submissions received on the Draft Budget. The Draft Budget will be considered for formal adoption at a Council Meeting at 7pm on Monday 28 June.

Proactive planning review findings made public

Council has released a summary of a recent probity review into planning matters at the City of Kingston. The review, which was finalised in February 2021, found no evidence of improper conduct at Kingston Council. Council engaged Lawyers Holding Redlich to conduct the extensive review following the revelations at the City of Casey

which led to the Council's sacking, with Kingston Council keen to reassure the community that no similar concerns existed in Kingston.

Kingston's \$245,000 independent probity review looked into any local planning matters that involved key players from IBAC's Operation Sandon investigation in Casey.

A summary of the findings of the review has now been shared with all participants in the review and made public for all to see. Council also provided a copy of the full report to IBAC and the Victorian Ombudsman's Office.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said Councillors called for the independent probity review to give the community confidence that proper planning processes were followed at Kingston.

"I'm pleased to report that the review found no evidence of improper conduct," said Cr Staikos. "We take these issues very seriously and wanted to ensure our community had full confidence in local planning processes."

Importantly the summary report states: "Based upon the interviews and the review of the available documentation, Holding Redlich concluded that the conduct reportedly occurring at the City of Casey does not appear to have occurred, nor is occurring, at the City of Kingston.

Whilst some Council interviewees have had dealings with the Operation Sandon identified persons, and despite some interviewees making allegations in relation to corruption and misconduct by certain Councillors or officers, Holding Redlich did not find conclusive evidence of wide scale improper conduct, corrupt conduct, or misconduct. All interviewees denied ever having received financial incentives or undisclosed political donations."

"The lawyers' review also provided 13 recommendations on how to further strengthen planning processes to provide additional protection, these are now being implemented," Cr Staikos said.

The recommendations included:

- Maintaining a register of any Councillor meetings with lobbyists
- Developing/reviewing political donation disclosure policy

- Randomly reviewing planning applications for auditing purposes
- Providing ongoing ethics training for Councillors and officers
- Providing training for Councillors on the Victorian Planning system
- Defining which senior officers should attend meetings with applicants
- Documenting all meetings with external parties and lobbyists
- Ensuring adequate process to report suspected misconduct
- Developing a framework to guide Councillor 'call ins' of planning applications
- Adopting policy on election campaign return forms
- Considering planning panel recommendations and providing a transparent approach if a recommendation is not followed
- Considering ways to enhance relationships between Councillors and officers.

The community can access the summary of the planning review at kingston.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Media. The final full report is confidential subject to legal privilege.



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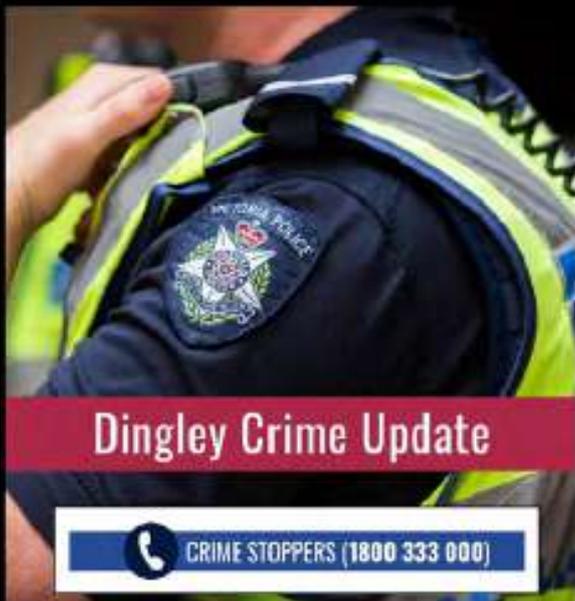
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Neighbourhood Watch & Victoria Police would like to remind everyone to always securely lock your vehicle and never leave valuables visible.



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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WHAT'S ON AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE?

31B Marcus Rd, Dingley Village. Call 8512 0505 for details

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Childcare Playgroup U3A Art Writing for Pleasure Social Art group	2 Childcare Table Tennis	3 Childcare Zumba Gold Body- Balance U3A Art Boomerang Bags Taekwondo	4 Childcare Reading Rockets Arts access Craft group	5	6
7 3 yr Kinder Table Tennis Playgroup Senior Citizens Taekwondo Calisthenics	8 Childcare Playgroup U3A Art Writing for Pleasure Social Art group	9 Immunisation Childcare Table Tennis	10 Childcare Zumba Gold Body- Balance U3A Art Boomerang Bags Taekwondo	11 Childcare Reading Rockets Arts access Craft group Mindful Makings	12	13
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21 Free Hearing Tests 3 yr Kinder Table Tennis Playgroup Senior Citizens Taekwondo Calisthenics	22 Childcare Playgroup U3A Art Writing for Pleasure Social Art group	23 Childcare Table Tennis Bricks for Kids	24 Childcare Zumba Gold Body- Balance U3A Art Boomerang Bags Taekwondo	25 Childcare Reading Rockets Arts access Craft group	26	27
28 3 yr Kinder Table Tennis Playgroup Senior Citizens Taekwondo Calisthenics	29 Childcare Playgroup U3A Art Writing for Pleasure Social Art group	30 Book Club Childcare Table Tennis Bricks for Kids	Unless indicated all activities are at the Neighbourhood Centre or Library/Hall building			

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1800 333 000

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service
1300 659 467

SES: 13 25 00

Poisons Info: 13 11 26

Nurse on Call:
1800 022 222

National Security:
1800 123 400

MensLine:
1300 789 978

WIRE
(Women's Information and
Referral Exchange):

1300 134 130

Safe Steps:
1800 015 188

Tip Smells & Dust:
EPA 1300 372 842

Aircraft Noise:
1800 802 584

Neighbourhood Centre:
8512 0505

Community Association:
dvcasecretary@gmail.com

Men's Shed:
9551 5892

**VicRoads Faults
and Hazards:**
13 11 70

RSPCA
9224 2222

Kingston Liveability Study - Well Done Dingley Village

Results from the recent Kingston Liveability Study conducted between June & December 2020 have been published and show Dingley Village has received the highest livability score in the City of Kingston. DVCA always works hard to maintain and improve our village and it is great to see this result. It is no surprise, as Dingley Village is a pretty special place with a great community.

Detailed Study info: <https://www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/yourfuture>

Kingswood Golf Course - The Current Situation

DVCA is proud to represent a community, which has shown such sustained strength and unity in opposing the proposed rezoning and development of Kingswood Golf Course.

The Save Kingswood group, together with many members of our community, and supported by our local politicians, worked countless hours to stop the inappropriate development of Kingswood Golf Course, resulting in Council abandoning the proposed rezoning of Kingswood in October 2018, following a record number of objections, approximately 8000 objections, having been made by the community against the rezoning of Kingswood Golf Course for residential development.

Since 2018

- Australian Super has continued to own Kingswood Golf Course
- Kingswood Golf Course remains zoned Special Use Golf Course and is not zoned residential
- State Government has established a Golf Course Standing Advisory Committee to implement newly developed Golf Course Development Guidelines for Melbourne

Current Situation

- DVCA awaits a new development proposal from Kingswood's owner, Australian Super of our golf course.
- "After considering a range of options, Australian Super has decided to develop a new proposal for the site in line with the government's Planning Guidelines for the Conversion of Golf Course Land to Other Purposes." <https://dingleyvillage3172.com.au/background/>
- Our community's fight to save Kingswood Golf Course is not over.

Please remember why Dingley Village topped the list in Kingston for livability - we need to stay strong as a community to protect our unique village and continue

the fight against the development of Kingswood Golf Course and the destruction of this precious environment in the heart of our village.

Thankyou - Spring Rd Reserve Working Bee Volunteers

A terrific turnout of volunteers, including local scouts, got our community planting working bee at Spring Rd Reserve off to a flying start in April - great teamwork everyone! Thanks to all those who joined us at Spring Road Reserve on a Saturday morning in late April, with some 1700 trees/bushes planted in just over one hour. As part of the landscape plan for the Spring Rd Reserve, these plants will help to provide much needed shade and wind-protection in the years to come.

Further Spring Rd Reserve Working Bees are to be held in 2021 - so please keep volunteering for this important work to improve our park - when the next Working Bee is announced.

Other Current Improvements

Interhealth Medical Centre Drop-Off Parking Space

After a request to Council by DVCA, there is now a patient drop-off parking space at the Interhealth Medical Centre on Centre Dandenong Rd. The car space will allow patients to be dropped off directly in front of the Medical Centre and has a time limit of 15 minutes.

Centre Dandenong Rd Bus Stop Upgrade

The bus stops in Centre Dandenong Rd, adjacent to Greenwood Mews, have been upgraded to allow easier access and safer crossing of Centre Dandenong Rd, for older residents.

Green Wedge Management Plan Review

A review of Kingston's Green Wedge Management Plan is currently being undertaken by Kingston Council. Further info: https://www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/green_wedge

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 7:30 pm and new members are most welcome to attend. Meetings are being held via Zoom during any Coronavirus shutdown period.

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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WHATS ON AT THE DINGLEY LIBRARY

Whats On For Children & Youth At Dingley Village Library



Keep an eye out for our School Holiday program at <https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library/Home>

eLibrary

Did you know that Kingston Libraries offer a range of online services from Study help, useful websites to online tutorials, magazines and movies.

Check out www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library/eLibrary you will be surprised with what you find.

Brain Training

Want to learn new skills and have a laugh? Come along and give your brain a workout with activities such as quizzes, memory puzzles and word search.



Music Lovers

Kingston Libraries has a new dedicated section on music releases, awards, artist reviews, and more.

Kids Movie Club

Enjoy a monthly movie screening at Dingley Village Library just for kids on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 4pm to 6pm. Held during school terms only.

A great opportunity for primary school aged kids to get together after school and relax with some snacks and a movie. Movies will be rated G or PG.



View more information on our Kids Movie Club sessions, or call **1300 135 668** if you have any questions.

Lego Free Play

Drop in at Dingley Library each Saturday afternoon for free play with LEGO® and DUPLO® A fun, casual and creative activity for families. Kids all ages welcome. Saturday 12-2pm.



Important Information

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult while in the library.

Phone: **1300 135 668**

Web: [library.kingston.vic.gov.au](https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library)

Email: library@kingston.vic.gov.au

Xbox Meet

If you love gaming, competition and having fun with like-minded friends, then Xbox Meet is for you.

This is a monthly club for older children aged 10+ which allows kids to participate in and learn a variety of games on Xbox One.

The activity will include tournaments and competitions – are you up for a challenge? 2nd Thursday of each month 4-5pm.



Library Opening Hours

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9am - 12pm	Closed	9am - 12pm 2pm - 6pm	9am - 12pm 2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	9am - 2pm	Closed



Hard Rubbish Day

When moving countries and cities your life you expect to rearrange, Some things are slightly different and others just down-right strange. But here in Melbourne they have a thing called Hard Rubbish Day, You put big old stuff out on the kerb and the council takes it away.

Soon consigned to the nature strip was a stove recently retired, It joined a broken basketball hoop no longer used or desired. Duly carried and neatly placed they sat abandoned and forlorn, Then the hoop was removed and the pile shrank on the front lawn.

Next the base so carefully drained of water joined the departed, I watched with interest this mini recycling process I had started. Then the pile grew as someone added fragments of TV inners, The addition made us look like technology abusers and sinners.

Overnight, mushroom like, a dark and scratched side table grew, Where it came from was a puzzle, the answer no one knew. Piles up and down the street likewise waxed and waned, As people removed and added in a fashion unrestrained.

The stove went early the next morning to a man with a truck, He was collecting things put out by folk who didn't give a care Like a farmer he went along the street harvesting the heaps, The white ware and electrical goods he picks and keeps.

Then as I drove to work a bench seat on the kerb I did spy, It was wrought iron 'n' wood, so recycling I decided to try.

There was a spot in the garden sun just right I decided, A quick stop and in the back it soon snugly resided. Then I saw another one on the nature strip carefully laid, I had a spot in mind for it too, hidden in the garden shade. Feeling happy and so lucky I thought this system was great, That bench in the back soon went to be joined with its mate.

Now here I am sitting in a cold and dismal basement cell, Waiting till this, sad but true, story to the Judge I'll tell. For it seems that even on Hard Rubbish Day, Taking bus stop seats is a crime they say!

Author: Lance Risk

Dingley Writers Group is a small group of beginners and experienced writers who welcome everyone to join them each Tuesday at 10 am at the Neighbourhood Centre. We help each other to learn how to become better at writing anything ... including memoirs, short stories and poetry. Best of all we enjoy each other's company.

Contact Warren at wasdunc@bigpond.net.au

LOCAL SPORTS



Dingley Football Netball Club



Since our last report, we have concluded five rounds of the football season, with Seniors team wins over Mordialloc, Oakleigh District, East Malvern and St Kilda City. A shock 17 point loss away to Bentleigh in Round 4 was a hiccup, but the Seniors team, despite its fair share of injury setbacks, sits second on the ladder, a game behind unbeaten Cheltenham.

We clash with Cheltenham at the end of May and in future weeks we have Highett at home on 15 May, then St Pauls at McKinnon on the 22nd. The going hasn't been plain sailing though with long term knee injuries to multiple premiership star and captain, Travis La Rocca and also to Jack Williams, who has just returned to the club this year. Both players are quality individuals and will be doing all they can to get back on the track. Good luck to them both.

The Reserves are flying and are undefeated at the top of the table with five huge wins. Senior netball started strongly off the back of a halt to proceedings caused by COVID. Despite limited pre-season training sessions, the club has put together six strong teams in SFNL's Divisions 1, 2,3,5,8 and 10.

After five rounds, div. 1 has 5 wins from 5 and is on top. This included a win over 2019 grand finalist, Heatherton. Div. 2 is also on top after 4 wins from 5 outings. Div. 3 has 3 out of 4 and is just inside the four. Div. 5 has had a tough start to the year, but notched up a courageous, well-earned win in round 5. Div. 8 are also on top with 5 from 5 and looking terrific.

Div. 10 is the mum's team and they have 3 wins from 4 games. The senior netball competition is looking strong overall and Dingley is hoping to be "around the mark" at the pointy end of the season.

Let's get around our local girls and cheer them on each Saturday with game times ranging from 12:10 through to 1:30 and 2:50 pm. It's a great afternoon, so please support them all.

Go Dingoes.

Dingley Tennis Club



Registrations are now open for DTC SMARTennis June Holiday Clinic.

The clinic will provide support and focus for all skill levels. Tennis based fun, games and activities are all a part of a fun tennis experience in a caring environment.

Dates: Monday 28th June - Wednesday 30th June.

Time: 9am - 12 noon (Thursday will be used if a full day is lost to bad weather). Cost: 3 Day Clinic \$180 which includes a complimentary DTC Dingoes Hat. (DTC Junior and Hotshots Members get a \$30 discount refunded on the first morning of the clinic).

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LOOKING AT LOANS



Buying Property?

Last month we detailed the first 3 critical checkpoints to consider when buying property:

- 1) Bigger deposit, better position
- 2) Know your credit rating
- 3) Work out what your bottom line looks like.

Now for the next 4.

4) If the home loan doesn't fit, don't sign up for it.

There are more things to consider with a home loan than just the interest rate. There are redraw and offset facilities, exit costs, repayment flexibility, fixed or variable interest rates, loan terms and fees to consider. Make sure you research the loan options available from multiple lenders and how they apply to your specific situation. Remember different lenders offer more than different interest rates, they also offer different policies and different products.

5) Research, research, research

Did we mention research? Often the difference between a property being a diamond in the rough and a dodgy deal is simply the buyer's level of market knowledge. The more you know about the property market and where you want to buy, the better. Look at recent comparable property sales to account for current price volatility. Consider location, whether it's near to shops, schools and transport. You want to be sure the area has what you need in terms of lifestyle and remember to consider your future. When it comes time to put your hand up to buy: Remember the absolute perfect property does not exist. Make the compromise, buy the best available which you can afford.

6) Potential investment

Remember that sometimes the best locations for property growth are not the 'hot' suburbs but the suburbs next to them.

These often provide a cheaper entry point and greater potential for development. Likewise, a brand new or newly renovated property will generally charge a premium for the look. An existing, lived-in home may not look as pretty, but it can be much better value and then you can add your own personality to it.

7) If you don't have the finance, don't make a bid

There's no cooling-off period at auctions, once you've made an accepted bid, you're legally bound. Stay on the safe side, make sure you have had expert credit advice / pre-approval to go to auction. If you make an offer subject to finance you can negotiate your purchase price without worry, but real estate agents will want to know you have been to a broker to take your bid seriously.

Buying a home is a long-term commitment and investment, keep these tips in mind to help get it right! If you'd like more information talk to us today.

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SERVICES FOR SENIORS

Peninsula Community Legal Centre (PCLC)



New PCLC Elder Law Service

PCLC has launched a new legal service for people aged 65 and over. The centre is offering a free monthly elder law service to provide advice on a wide range of legal problems. The service offers private one-on-one, in-person appointments for a full day every month. Elder law focuses on protecting older people's rights and assets. It is also about ensuring that a person's wishes are respected at a time when they are at their most vulnerable.

In addition to the problems in aged care revealed by the recent Royal Commission, financial exploitation and abuse of older people is also on the rise. Perpetrators include financial scammers who take advantage of victims' lack of familiarity with technology and/or family members who pressure victims to hand over money or assets by preying on their emotions.

The new elder law service is staffed by lawyers from PCLC and prominent Australian law firm Russell Kennedy and offers advice on common issues including:

- Aged care facilities and retirement villages
- Family law
- Estate planning
- Infringements
- Powers of Attorney
- Tenancy
- Wills and estates
- Physical or financial abuse
- Guardianship and administration
- General civil law issues
- Financial disputes

The elder law service is held on the 3rd Friday of every month from 9am – 5pm at the PCLC Rosebud office at 1375 Point Nepean Rd, Rosebud. Appointments are essential. Please call PCLC on **9783 3600** or email pclc@pclc.org.au.

Social Support Programs

If you feel isolated and unsure about how to get involved in social activities, these programs are for you. All activities offered are tailored to meet the needs and interests of participants. Social Support Programs are subsidised through the Commonwealth Home Support Program and may

include transport and meals. Activities include centre-based programs, outing groups, visiting programs and more. The programs are delivered in a COVID Safe way and are available through My Aged Care referrals. For more information please call **1800 200 422** or visit myagedcare.gov.au.

Elder Rights Advocacy (ERA)



ERA provides advocacy for people receiving aged care services.

This includes people who live in a nursing home or hostel, receive services through the Home Care Package program, have been assessed by the Aged Care Assessment Service or used to receive aged care services.

You have a right to high-quality care and services. All service providers have responsibilities and must meet certain standards. ERA's advocates work by your direction to help support your wishes and exercise your rights. An ERA advocate will seek your permission before engaging with any other parties to ensure your confidentiality is maintained.

For more information please contact ERA on **9602 3066** or visit era.asn.au.

Seniors Rights Victoria



Seniors Rights Victoria provides information, support, advice and education to help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity and independence of older people. Services include a Helpline, specialist legal services, short-term support and advocacy for individuals, and community and professional education.

Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust such as a family member or friend. The abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect. Everyone has the right to be safe. No one deserves to be abused.

If you, your friend or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, please contact Seniors Rights Victoria's free, confidential helpline: **1300 368 821**. Information on this page provided by City of Kingston Social Development Team.



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10 tips to prepare for retirement

Looking forward to an enjoyable retirement? Check out our top 10 tips to make sure you're on track.

Tip 1: Take stock

How do you want to live in retirement? How much will it cost? Do the numbers. Now, what does your super balance look like? Do the figures meet your expectations? If not, what action do you need to take now?

Tip 2: Plan for the rest of your life

Most people are retired longer than they expect. While your health and family longevity will influence your life span, if you've survived life's early risks, such as accidents or illnesses, you could easily live into your nineties or older. Plan for the long term, and don't forget that you may need extra assistance or care as you get older.

Tip 3: Review your investments

For your savings to last the rest of your life, you need to invest for the long term. And that means getting the investment mix right with a balance of income and capital growth. Diversifying your investments across cash, fixed interest, shares and property can help to reduce risk and achieve smoother, more consistent returns over time.

Tip 4: Stick to your plan

Investments can quickly change in value. While it can be tempting to sell everything when the market falls and put all your money in cash, that can be a bad decision. It's important to remain focused on the long term as markets can recover if given enough time.

Tip 5: Get the structure right

By changing the way you own investments and receive income, you may be able to reduce the amount of tax you pay while also increasing your Centrelink or DVA benefits. Even if you aren't eligible for an age pension, you may be entitled to discounts and other benefits, which can save money over time.

Tip 6: Get your affairs in order

Estate planning allows you to pass on the right assets to the right people at the right time.

The first step is putting a Will in place, but you should also speak with your solicitor about an Enduring Power of Attorney and medical care directive. These can help your family fulfil your wishes if you're not able to make decisions yourself. And remember to review your estate plan at least every three years.

Tip 7: Stay fit and healthy

If you stay mentally and physically active, you're more likely to enjoy a long and healthy life. Take up a hobby, learn a new skill, work part-time or volunteer in your community.

Tip 8: Re-think the move

Some retirees have moved away from friends and family to their dream location only to realise it wasn't what they hoped for. If the coast or bush is beckoning, try living there on a temporary basis first. It will give you time to work out if it's the right move.

Tip 9: Think about the "what ifs"

The last thing you need in retirement is for your finances to be affected if something unexpected happens to you. Review your personal insurance needs to make sure you are adequately protected. Don't forget health and travel insurance cover, especially if you plan to join the grey nomads.

Tip 10: Get help

Making financial decisions can be complex. Getting the right advice early enough can make a big difference to your retirement. Give us a call.

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Dingley Village Historical Society

It was in 1996, that many of the Dingley Village Community met to discuss "public art in our own Village".

To "test the waters" and interest, we employed artist Hedley Potts to design, build and erect a mural on our supermarket wall.



Photo extract from Moorabbin Standard September 9, 1997 of Hedley at work!

He initially completed 4 mural figures

- the skater
- the pelican
- the child
- the spoonbill

Hedley's work was outstanding! He both designed, developed and installed the mural you see today – with an official opening in 1997. When the supermarket was being redeveloped, we had fears for the mural, but with the cooperation of Woolworths, it remains today. This is an interesting anecdote from Hedley himself:

Just one initial visit to this supermarket wall, driving past a few remaining market gardens and the Moorabbin Airport, then returning via Braeside Park wetlands, immediately formed ideas quite clearly. The local history research followed to focus generalisations into particular detail.

"Where on earth do you get your ideas?" asked a visitor to the studio looking at a 2M chalk drawing of a spoonbill going shopping. Well that's the easy part. Refining that chalk drawing, building it low relief, reinforcing it, colouring and firing it, glazing it and mounting it, that's difficult. On the table, on the floor, climbing a ladder to pretend to see the horizontal as vertical, and through all those months retaining its life and vitality, that's also difficult, but great fun.

It would have been easy to deliver the 106 finished pieces of clay to Dingley Village, then return to see the mural completed without dirtying my hands.

But then I would have missed the reactions day by day as it unfolded. Familiar faces, adults and children returning each day to "see the next episode". The children had an advantage, they greeted me by name. They had a preview at school. They were most fascinated with Harry Hawker's apple catchers, and

were impatient to see their hit – the – future – the skateboarder wearing the Dingley Village logo designed by their classmate. And the tiny tots eagerly pointing their parents up to these giants on the wall verified art as communication. It was street theatre, and the audience rewarded the artist.

Some remembered when Mrs Weir had the only shop in Dingley Village, others remembered Gartside's cannery. They wanted to know about Harry Hawker and were proud of this local lad who became an international hero. Nobody knew much about the Bunurong.

They wondered where Dingley Grange might have been, and why Mary Attenborough's brick house hadn't been preserved. We talked about the steel tracks which made it easier for the horses to pull cartloads of vegetables all the way to the city markets, and the wooden pipes watering the market gardens from the spring, namesake of Springvale and Spring Road. As an artist I'm concerned with line and form, colour and texture, composition and movement. I want all these elements to support the communication of art and ideas.

I want the audience to enjoy using it as much as I, the artist, have enjoyed making it. I hope it challenges them as much as it has challenged me. This has been a most rewarding and satisfying project.



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A change for the better, welcome Anna

Some of you may have seen me at Dingley Eye Centre this year. My name is Anna and this January I took a leap of faith, switching industries from construction to optics. I have spent most of my life in university studying medical bioscience & biotechnology; environmental science; a PhD in immunology, however during my first year of medical school I realised I had been pursuing science to please my parents.

I became jaded and decided to leave the sciences behind and figure out what truly makes me happy.

Throughout my studies I trained and competed extensively in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. My fondest memory is being the first Malaysian to medal at the 2017 European No-Gi Championship in Rome. I flirted with the idea of making a living through the sport as I have been teaching kids Jiu Jitsu over the past 7 years and was prepared to make this my full-time career.

Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic coupled with my husband and I building our forever home in Officer pushed me to find a career that allowed me to combine my science background with my love of working with children.

Joining Dingley Eye Centre has been one of the most fulfilling and rewarding decisions I have made. I am currently undertaking my Certificate IV in Optical Dispensing with ACOD (Australasian College of Optical Dispensing) and on track to complete the course by the end of this year.

The eternal student within me is enjoying every moment of ACOD and absorbing and analysing every piece of knowledge, piecing together a dispensing puzzle so I can better prescribe and guide you through tailored eye solutions to improve your vision and eye health.

The most rewarding part of this role has been the reaction of our young patients wearing their glasses for the first time. Their eyes light up when they realise how crisp and clear the world can be. The Dingley community and patients who have come through our doors over the past five months have made my journey into optics delightful and I have loved every moment spent working with you and your loved ones. I am excited to continue growing with the community and progressing within this industry. I hope anyone reading this realises it is never too late to make a change, learn a new skill set and pursue happiness.

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SCANNING THE SCHOOLS

Killester College

On Thursday the 22nd of April, Killester College's new Performing Arts and Music Learning Facility, the Tullow Centre, was officially opened. The name Tullow is significant to Killester as Tullow is a town in Ireland where the Brigidine Sisters originated from.



Father Brian Collins attended the event where he prayed over and blessed the new building with holy water. After this, Rosemary Copeland, the Co-Chair of the Trustees of Kildare Ministries, officially opened the building and revealed the Centre's new plaques.



Sally Buick, Killester College's Principal had this to say at the opening of the Tullow Centre: "In our year of wonder, we celebrated with joy and gratitude the opening of our Tullow Performing Arts Centre. The Tullow has already become a gathering space; a place for song, dance, performance and celebration. It gives our community space, light and opportunity. We are very grateful for the vision and commitment of Leanne Di Stefano, previous principal, and to all who toiled in bringing our building to life. We look forward to the delight the Tullow will bring generations of families at Killester."

The entertainment on the night was provided by Killester College's fantastic student band and the evening was catered by the College's VCAL students who served up delicious canapés. The Centre has already won four prestigious architectural awards, namely:

- Building Designers Association of Australia (BDAA) – Best Public Building/Structure
- Building Designers Association of Australia (BDAA) – National Design Memorial Award
- Design Matters – Past Presidents' Award
- Design Matters – Best Non-Residential-Commercial Building >\$2M

The centre is a meaningful and practical addition to the school that can be used for a range of activities. The design incorporates: bespoke music and drama facilities; internal and external performance and gathering zones; flexible and adaptable learning and activity spaces; offices and administration areas; as well as functional storage; garage and accessible toilet/change-room facilities alongside landscaped recreational spaces that provide an opportunity for further congregation and summertime performances.

Tullow Centre provides the space where the performing arts can be highlighted, celebrated and taught in purpose-built spaces that all students can enjoy. Both staff and students simply love the space and find it has given the students a place to thrive, dream and pursue their dreams.

St Mark's Primary School

Year 6 Camp

On Monday 3rd May to Friday 7th May the Year 6 students travelled to Camp Coonawarra to participate in a series of rotational activities.



These activities included: horse riding, giant swing, maze, flying fox, orienteering, hut building, rock climbing, archery, raft building and canoeing. Despite the wet weather the children all had a wonderful time and loved participating in all the activities.



Sport

State Swimming Titles

Congratulations to our 9/10 Mixed Freestyle Swim Team (Zac, Lenny, Lukas and Nam), who swam in the State Swimming Championships, placing 5th, on Monday 26th April. The boys all swam PBs, giving everything they had to the cause! They should be extremely proud of the journey; winning the district competition by 6 seconds, the division competition by 14 seconds, and the regional competition by 9 seconds. This is the best result by a St Mark's swimming team in the school's history!

House Cross Country

On Thursday 22nd April & Friday 23rd April students from years foundation to 6 participated in our annual house cross country. The majority of students were very eager, excited and some even a little nervous to participate in this event, particularly since they hadn't completed the cross country event for 2 years. It was very pleasing to see the majority of the students finish the run, which is a real achievement within itself. Students who finished in the top of their age groups have been selected to represent St Mark's in the district cross country competition on Monday 24th May.

Congratulations to these students! We wish them all the best as they continue training for the district event. Congratulations to all children on their fantastic participation and performance.

Dingley Primary School Dingley Village Library Visits



The Year 1 students were lucky enough to visit the wonderful new Dingley Village Library at the end of Term 1. The children enjoyed meeting the library staff, discovering how to borrow and return books, exploring the children's section of the library and listening to some great picture story books.

Mother's Day

On Friday 30th April our school celebrated Mother's Day by organising a Mother's Day breakfast and running a stall for the children to buy presents for their mothers. It was a fantastic day and it was wonderful to see so many mothers and grandmothers at the breakfast. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day.



Anzac Day

The combined schools ANZAC service at the Dingley memorial on April 23rd was a moving tribute with a past St Mark's student Shannen Carty delivering the annual ANZAC speech. Rotary holds a dinner each year in which a representative from each local secondary school is asked to present a speech around an ANZAC theme.

Shannen won this, and also delivered her winning speech at the dawn service. Tyler Trinh read In Flanders Fields, school captains Nyah and Joel laid a wreath on behalf of the school and the school choir, together with choirs from Dingley and Kingswood sang hymns and both the Australian and New Zealand national anthems.

Cybersafety Webinar

Thank you very much to The Noble Park Dingley Rotary Club for providing sponsorship for a community cybersafety webinar for St Mark's, Dingley and Kingswood Primary Schools from Inform & Empower Cyber Safety Education hosted by Martin McGauran and Carley McGauran that was held on Thursday May 27th.

ANZAC Day Service

All Year 5 and 6 students participated in this year's Dingley Village Rotary Club ANZAC Day School Service on Friday, 23rd of April. The Glee Club was proud to perform at the service. Our school captains, Archie and Helena, placed a wreath and Kayla and Tiana delivered the ANZAC Requiem as part of the service.

Year 4 Enterprize Tall Ship Excursion

This term, the Year 4 students thoroughly enjoyed learning about Melbourne's early history during their visit to the tall ship 'Enterprize'. They participated in a history lesson about the Sullivan Bay settlement in 1803 and the foundation of Melbourne in 1835. The highlight for the students was boarding the Enterprize and sailing on the Yarra River.

2021 Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our cross country event on Thursday, 29th April. The weather was perfect and everyone who stepped up to the starting line completed the event.

Thank you to the many parents who assisted with marshalling and walking supervision on the day. We wish all of the students who are competing at the district cross country competition the best of luck.

Mothers Day Breakfast

On Friday, May 7th, the Dingley Primary School Parents' Club hosted a special barbeque breakfast for the wonderful mums, grandmothers and special people in the lives of our students. It was terrific to see so many families enjoying breakfast and celebrating Mother's Day together.



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DINGLEY VILLAGE SCOUT GROUP

Dingley Scout Group

There was nothing boring about the Easter school holidays for many cub scouts across Victoria. Gilwell Park, on the outskirts of Gembrook in the Dandenong Ranges, became home to over 3,300 cub scouts, leaders and adult helpers for 5 days of fun and adventure.

Cubs got to sleep in tents for the 4 nights of Cuboree (an Adventure in itself) and had action packed days with activities ranging from go kart racing, archery and everyone's favourite, the mud run. Nights were not a problem, with night time entertainment on the program too. Held every 3 years but delayed due to COVID-19, Cuboree was a huge hit.



Three local cubs were very excited to attend. Charlie, Alexis and Eloise joined the group from 1st Langwarrin and Frankston South to make the bus trip to Gilwell. The days were filled with such a variety of activities that there was something to suit everyone – and plenty of down time too.

But what have our cubs got to say about Cuboree? "Cuboree was an awesome learning experience. I had so much fun. I would definitely recommend joining cub scouts." Said Charlie. While Lexi said: "I really loved Cuboree because there were so many fun and enjoyable activities, and we got to make new friends.

We also got very muddy." And Eloise agrees. "Cuboree was awesome. Everyone should do it." And after all that, what was the overall favourite activity the mud run of course.

Yes, our cubs did arrive home exhausted, but they made memories and friendships to last a lifetime. Think scouting might be for you? Come along to one of our meetings and say hi, or contact our group leader, Vanessa on **0402 489 773** or email dingleyscoutgroup@gmail.com

Dingley Scout Group - 65 Centre Dandenong Rd
Dingley Village

- Joeys 5 – 7yrs Monday 5:30 – 6:30pm
- Cubs 8 – 10yrs Monday 7:00 – 8:30pm
- Scouts 11 – 14yrs Thursday 7:30 – 9:30pm
- Venturers 15 – 17yrs Friday 7:30 – 9:30pm
- Rovers 18 – 25yrs Monday 7:30 – 10:00pm



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FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

The Mordialloc Freeway is close to its projected completion date, and the full extent of the construction is highly visible - especially to Braeside Park's visitors as they walk along the Howard Road and Cypress Avenue trails. The bright red cement underpass from the business estate bleeds in past the Rangers' Office perilously sideswiped by the Freeway.

Gone are the scattering of mature River Red Gums that graced that edge of the Park and provided homes for generations of bats, insects, possums, lizards and birds. We were told that specialists had inspected the vegetation, over 3,000 trees, along the construction path and assessed them for their visual and ecological value and life expectancy. They were found wanting, so "Down with them!"

Of course, as with clearing any native vegetation, the contractor was required to replace or offset it to the same ecological value to Victoria's biodiversity. (Is your home, Reader, that replaceable?) Anyway, Major Project Roads Victoria acquired native vegetation offsets for the project. They will in fact be planted at Devilbend Reservoir in Tuerong - 32.5km away as the crow flies, 40km by car.

"The vegetation communities that secured offsets at Devilbend Reserve were for Grassy Woodland, Swampy Riparian Woodland and Lowland Forest. Seed was collected from native trees, shrubs and grasses from within the project area to be replanted within the project area, where possible." (If we are to believe the Major Roads Project Victoria's website seeds were collected before the construction began.)

"A Design and Construction (D&C) Contract was awarded to McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd & Decmil Southern Pty Ltd on the 1st October 2019. Construction commenced on 28 October 2019." So, if I have this correct, from the 1 - 28 October 2020 seeds were collected. Ask any botanist or even community nursery group if it is possible to collect seeds from all the relevant vegetarian communities along the course of the Freeway in 27 days in October! Even home gardeners know that plants produce seeds at different periods throughout the year.

"A decision issued on 27 August 2019 determined that the project (Mordialloc Freeway) was a 'controlled action' requiring assessment and approval. The first compliance report to be prepared for the Mordialloc Freeway and related to the period 1 October 2019 to 28 October 2020 or year one of the action. At the time of publishing this report the project is approximately 40% complete and construction is expected to be complete late 2021."

Where did the seeds go? The answer was to community groups, if not The Friends of Braeside Park's nursery! The Mens' Shed got some eucalyptus trunks to turn into seating and some trunks were placed in the wetlands like graveyard monuments to provide resting places for waterbirds. I have not seen one resting on one of these yet!

The other trees removed, were mulched!

The Friends of Braeside Park sat on the Major Roads Projects Victoria Mordialloc Freeway Community Reference Group since its conception. We argued strongly against the construction of the Freeway and were and are bitterly disappointed with the State Government's choice to place built environments over conserving the remnant natural ecosystems in a classified Green Wedge area. Covid 19 restrictions proved how vital those lost green spaces were and how unnecessary was another 9 kilometres of Freeway!

Our group's decision was to work within the system to try and get the best deal for the Park because no one else will. Does this mean we were kept informed? Yes, if we asked the right question and persisted and read all the carefully crafted published reports and believed all the public servants' guarded replies.

Andrew McNee, Assistant Secretary of Assessments and Governance Branch Department of the Environment and Energy Approval signed off the agreements from 27 August 2019 to 31 December 2040 with a list of compliance statements of course. (1 October 2020 Mordialloc Freeway Project, Victoria Compliance Report 01 (28 October 2019 to 28 October 2020).

The Major Roads Projects Victoria gang will soon move on to set up some other major road project Reference Committee and possibly even believe that they are keeping the community informed but we, the residents, will be left with 9 kilometres of Freeway of traffic (Dingley Bypass to South Road to Nepean Hwy) and a diminished Park and surrounding Green Wedge.

The Government and developers will then point out that with access to this freeway surely more residential development is warranted! And there goes the Green Wedge - football fields and club rooms, train stabling yards, concrete crushing facility, and who knows what else the State Government has agreed to grant building rights to construct.



CIRCLING THE CLUBS



Probuc Club Dingley Central



Our guest speaker this month was Andrea Zilberman from Kogo Charity "Knit one give one" Kogo began in 2004 and is run by volunteers and has over 5000 knitters. We knit a variety of warm winter garments, which are distributed Australia wide, to those in need. The bushfires alone resulted in 1000 gift packs for babies. Andrea was presented with an array of winter woollies, rugs and toys, all knitted by our ladies.

Activities for June, adhering to COVID-19 restrictions, include happy hour, Camera Club, legs, coffee morning, iPad Group, dining out, craft and games day.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 10am at The Salvation Army Kingston City, 13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village.

We welcome new members and for further information please contact our secretary Ruth on **9587 0432**.

Dingley Scouts



It's been all systems go at Dingley Scout group this month. Our group has been excited to get back in the groove of things after 2020 which means that we have already had a number of camps. Our scouts were involved in a competition camp over the Easter break seeing them come second overall which was a fantastic outcome. And our cub scouts also had school holiday fun attending Cuboree and getting very muddy.

It's also been a month of community, with the group assisting the DVCA with tree planting at Spring Rd Reserve, and having the honour of attending and participating in the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. And let's not forget the amazing effort by the group, family & friends and community members, especially DVCA and Men's shed, on a successful

fundraising event tasting lamb at Taste Point in Braeside.

For more information about Dingley Scout Group contact Vanessa on **0402 489 773** or email dingleyscoutgroup@gmail.com

Lions of Dingley Village



With the limitations for fund raising in 2020, we have been able to fund raise by doing a Bunnings BBQ which was a great help, this enabled us to donate to the Monash Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House. Lions Childhood Cancer Research and the Lions Foundation Flood Appeal.

Our next fundraiser for 2021 is the sale of the Entertainment book app - www.entbook.com.au/9121w52, this is great value.

Some really good news and thank you to everybody who collects stamps for Lions, the money raised from the sale of stamps in the last 12 months by all the Lion's Clubs came to \$65,000.00, this money goes to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation (to fund mobility devices for children with disabilities, giving these children a chance to walk).

If anybody has any of the following items, they can be left at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre: Pre-loved spectacles, sunglasses, hearing aids and used stamps are still needed. Thank you to all who have donated, please keep them coming in. We are in need of new members; this is a great opportunity to help your community.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays 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**.

dingleylions@gmail.com

Probuc Club of Dingley Village Inc.



It is very encouraging and pleasing to see so many of our members attending and enjoying the friendship at the two activities planned for our club.

Our luncheons are held on the first Thursday of each month at 12 noon in the bistro at the Keysborough Hotel, with our next luncheon on the 3rd June.

Our morning coffees are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10am at The Nest, Waterside Drive, Waterways, with next coffee morning on 8th June.

If you haven't already, please RSVP to Vi on **9551 1076** for either or both events.

On behalf of our members many thanks to Ian and Margaret Davidson for obtaining a wreath and attending the local ANZAC Day service recently held here in Dingley Village.

Please take care and keep well. For further information, please contact President Vi on **9551 1076**.

Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

I hope that you all have been enjoying our autumn weather - it may well be a sign that winter is indeed coming. Some of our members have still not felt the best lately - so we hope that they feel better and that we will see them back with us soon.

We are now back to alternating games and bingo on a weekly basis. Please note that the 14th of June is a public holiday and there will be no club activities on that day. On the 21st of June, we are hoping to have another luncheon at the club.

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 on a Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the new Harold Box Hall. Please contact our president, Lyn, on **9585 5039**, or our secretary, Sandra, on **9558 1490**, to confirm the arrangements for June.

Rotary Club Noble Park – Dingley



Active Rotarians – making friends and making a difference. Every one of us needs friends. Rotary was founded on friendship, and that ideal still remains a major attraction of membership today.

Our members love being part of our club and enjoy participating in our activities. Today, we join Rotary for many different reasons, but it is likely that one of the major reasons we “stay” in Rotary has to do with the friendships formed over the years and the fun activities we have shared.

Meeting new people isn't just fun – it is a great way to widen your support network and have plenty of people to hang out with. Rotarians come from a cross section of our community, but each one of us wants to make a positive impact to the welfare of others in our world. As a collective team we make a huge impact.

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 60 Plus Social Group

Attendance at our Thursday night get togethers has been a hit and miss affair due probably to the colder weather and the commencement of competition with football matches. With the current restrictions easing, the group is now starting to resume limited social activities with a monthly Saturday night dinner at Cheltenham being our sole organised outing.

Activities enjoyed by members during May included dinners on a Saturday night at Cheltenham and individual members have been seen dancing and dining at Springvale and Noble Park night spots.

Our activities are suitable for those in the 60 plus age group and provide an opportunity to socialise with our 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 if you wish to attend the monthly dinner,

arrange a booking by calling Shirley on **0410 625 731** or Graeme on **9551 34642**.

PS - The virus appears to have conditioned us to stay at home – time to get up and go!

Country Women's Association Dingley Village



“All Women, All Ages, All Places. Grow, Connect, Improve.”

Our next business meeting will be at the Dingley Community Centre on Wednesday, 23rd June. In May we held our belated 40th birthday celebration lunch which was a lovely occasion and was enjoyed by all.

Our Mother's Day stall at Woolworths Dingley was held on Friday 30th April and a big thank you to everyone for supporting us, funds raised will be donated to various charities.

Our craft meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and business meetings on the fourth Wednesday. In 2021 our meetings will be subject to COVID-19 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 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 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 COVID 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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Sunday services at 10.00 a.m.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

second Sunday of the month at 10a.m.

All enquiries phone **9580 6983**

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

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.**

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 June 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.

Sundays

10.00 a.m. worship service at

7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via livestream link: <https://www.villagechurch.org.au/live>.

Communion service – 1st Sunday of every month.

*Kids' church at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough – exit from main church service for Kids' church program at 10.30am to 11.45am, children from birth to grade 6. All welcome.

Life Groups

Tuesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 1st and 15th June. Contact office for Zoom link.

Wednesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 9th and 23rd June. 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 19th June; 9-10am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and via Zoom link; Monday 21st June 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom link. Contact office for links.

Bible Study

*Women's –Precept ministries study on Genesis. Thursdays fortnightly 10-11.30am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and 2.30-4pm via Zoom, 10th and 24th June. Contact office for Zoom link.

*Open – Fortnightly at 1pm, Thursdays 3rd and 17th June on the Gospel of Luke via Zoom. Contact office for Zoom link.

*Not held during school holidays.

Marriage & family support:

For nearly 80 years, Village Church has served the people of Dingley Village and its surrounding suburbs.

We greatly value the involvement that we have always had in our community and desire to make a difference for the greater good of all.

As a caring church, our heart is to serve the community, by having an impact in and amongst its families. In today's climate, families and marriages are under pressure; 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 Marks 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.

Holy Mass Times:

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

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil in the Church

Sundays: 9:30 AM Sunday Mass

(NB. only one Mass on Sunday)

Some important dates for June

- 6th June - Corpus Christi
- 11th June - Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 12th June - Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 13th June - St Anthony of Padua
- 22nd June - St John Fisher & St Thomas Moore
- 24th June - Nativity of St John the Baptist
- 29th June - Sts Peter and Paul
- 30th June - First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

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Senior Pastor: Dan Parker

Senior Associate Pastor: Dave Harrison

Sunday Services: 10am Service has Children's Ministry.

Revival Youth is a Christian youth ministry program that runs at KCC on Friday evenings between 7-9pm during the school term. Our program is for high school kids and is thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared to help the youth grow in their faith and walk with Jesus Christ. All our leaders are carefully chosen and are passionate followers of Jesus themselves.

We have a fortnightly roster where one week is our 'Revival' night and the following week is our small group night. On our 'Revival' nights, we have live worship, led by an amazing band made up of youth and leaders, as well as games, and a relevant and practical biblical message for our youth.

For small groups, the youth are separated into groups by year level for them to feel more comfortable to dive deeper into life's struggles with their leader. With a relaxed and fun, yet God-centered atmosphere, Revival Youth is a weekly highlight for many of our youth.

Our passion here at Revival Youth is to see this generation become a light in this world for Jesus.

Everything we do is aimed at encouraging the youth to grow in their faith so that by the time they graduate high school, they feel prepared to face whatever the world throws at them, confident in their faith.

Andy Watson – Youth Coordinator

Christ Church Dingley



387 Old Dandenong Road, Dingley (at the roundabout)

Contact: admin@ccd.org.au or **9551 7871**

Web: www.ccd.org.au

Our Vision: To be a thriving, need-meeting and life-transforming community with Jesus at the centre.

Sunday Services

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 (past services are accessible here also)

Tuesday Monthly Communion and Favourite Hymns. Every second Tues - next on 8 June 2pm. All welcome. Followed by afternoon refreshments. Transport available on request.

Alpha

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Normal hours:

- Wednesdays 9.30am - 4pm
- Thursdays 9.30am - 1.30pm (new)
- Saturdays 9.30am - 1.30pm

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

Ministers:

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0425 163 730

Associate Minister:

Rev. Tanya Cummings **0408 912 412**.

Youth & Children's Minister:

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Our Mission - The Salvation Army Australia is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus, by caring for people, 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 or phone **9558 2045** and we will be in touch.

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