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KINGSTON WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF NEW CEO PETER BEAN

The City of Kingston announced on the 14th of September, the appointment of Peter Bean as its new CEO. He brings a wealth of experience to the role having served over a decade as a General Manager at the City of Melton.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said Mr Bean was appointed following an extensive and competitive recruitment process.

"I am proud to welcome Peter Bean as the new CEO of the City of Kingston and look forward to working together for great outcomes for our community," Cr Staikos said.

"Councillors, in partnership with the community, have set a strong vision for Kingston's future and we are confident Peter will help us deliver exceptional projects and services; lead the project to develop a new Aquatic and Leisure Centre for the community; and seek to influence major government projects underway in Kingston including Level Crossing Removals and the Suburban Rail Loop.

With an MBA, a Bachelor of Business (Local Government), and a Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management, Peter is well-placed to lead Kingston into the future.

He has over 20 years' experience in the public sector and brings expertise in major capital projects, finance, human resources, economic development, information technology and more. He has previously worked at several other councils including Moreland, Nillumbik Shire, Indigo Shire, Albury Shire and the former City of Mordialloc.

His current role at the City of Melton included creating numerous new

suburbs, a successful advocacy campaign for a new public hospital in Melton, plus developing strong connections with business and community groups. Mr Bean said he was proud to accept the role of CEO and is excited to be joining the team at Kingston.

"My family has a strong history in the local area over many generations and I formerly worked at the City of Mordialloc, so this move feels like coming home," he said.

"I'm excited to be able to join with councillors, the community and council staff as we work together to make Kingston an even better place to live, work and enjoy."

Cr Staikos also thanked Tim Tamlin who served as Interim CEO at Kingston during the recruitment process.

"We are incredibly grateful that Tim was able to steer the ship for several months while we undertook an extensive recruitment process. We were very lucky to have his experience and guidance during this time and wish him all the best for the future."

Peter Bean has been appointed for a 5-year term and will commence as CEO on 1 November 2021.



FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER | 8:30AM - 1:00PM



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

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RSPCA

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Document shredding day postponed until November

Due to the uncertainty around COVID19 restrictions at the time of going to print, the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre has postponed the shredding day until November and put e-waste day on hold. So still put aside all your old files, documents and bring along for quick safe disposal or destruction. Gold coin donation for all residents and if you are a local small business please contact the centre for costs. Date will be published in November dossier.

Spam SMS

SCAMwatch urges you to report all spam SMS, whether it be a scam or unsolicited contact by a trader. Spam SMS can be reported to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The ACMA has made it easier to report spam SMS – simply forward the message to them!

Their dedicated Spam SMS line is **0429 999 888**; your mobile phone provider's standard billing rates will apply. You can also register online to make it easier for the Anti-Spam Team to contact you if necessary. You can report a scam SMS to the ACCC via the report a scam page on SCAMwatch.



Back to the Good Things

The Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS) have launched a video campaign to encourage people to get vaccinated. Getting vaccinated for COVID-19 will help keep us safe. But just as importantly, it will allow us to get back to the things we love.



The YouTube video can be found at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbtFvo8JoXs

Key Events Happening in September

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month (see Health Matters article)

October 4-10 Mental Health Week

The aim is to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing in the wider community, to increase community awareness and education about mental health issues and to encourage participation in life-enhancing lifestyles
October 10-16 National Carers Week (see National Carers week article)
National Carers Week is a time for all Australians to recognise and celebrate the important contributions that unpaid carers make to our communities. It is also an opportunity to raise awareness among our communities about carers and their caring roles.

October 21 Headspace Day

#headspaceday is about ensuring young people have access to mental health services no matter where they live in Australia, visit headspace.org.au for more information.



Justice of the Peace

Malcolm Gilbert: **0418 549 800**

Marion Harriden: **9551-1799**

Allan Harris: **0412 073 719**



FARMERS MARKET



Our next Market is on Saturday 16th October

LOCKDOWN OR COVID RESTRICTIONS THE MARKET STILL OPERATES



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.

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.

Why should YOU buy your meat from Moorabool River Beef rather than from the supermarket or butcher? In most cases, a supermarket or butcher does not know anything about the animal you are eating.



Please observe all COVID-19 measures whilst attending the market QR Code sign in using the Victoria Contact Tracing app, is mandatory when attending the market.

For example, its age, where it came from, what it ate or how it was treated. By buying directly from David and Jo, you will be buying directly from the farmer who can give you this information and ensure that you consistently receive premium quality beef. One of our newer stalls is Southern Cross Mushrooms, we think they are the best mushrooms under the Southern Cross



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.

DINGLEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET
SATURDAY
16th October
8.30AM—1 PM
31 Marcus Rd, Dingley Village
Free entry & parking
www.dvnc.com.au/farmersmarket

[DingleyVillageFarmersMarket](https://www.facebook.com/DingleyVillageFarmersMarket)



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DVCA Annual General Meeting

The DVCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Community Centre, Marcus Road Dingley Village or by Zoom if Covid restrictions still apply. All residents of Dingley Village are welcome to attend, so come along & see what we do.

If you would like to attend please RSVP: to the DVCA at dvcasecretary@gmail.com with your name, mobile and email.

KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE - THE FIGHT CONTINUES

Submissions Made

WOW how amazing is this community! Thankyou to all the many residents and supporters of Dingley Village who spent the time and effort to make a submission to the State Government's Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee.

By the submission cut-off date, 3 September 2021, a total 1650 submissions have been made, ranging in size from a couple of lines to 60+ pages. The majority of these submissions are from Dingley Village residents of all ages, young and old, expressing their views with force and passion, against the proposal to rezone and develop Kingswood Golf Course. With so much at stake for our village - hat's off to everyone for such a fantastic effort during our Melbourne Covid lockdown.

Very few submissions were in support of the development, and were predominantly rehashes of the developer's advertising, by building companies and members of Peninsula Golf Course, whose club, Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club (PKCGC), stands to make \$25 million if the Kingswood amendment C199King is approved by September 2022.

DVCA and Save Kingswood Group submissions, together with some Dingley Village resident submissions, are available to read on the Save Kingswood website: www.savedingley.com All 1650 submissions are available to be read/downloaded on the Engage Victoria Kingswood website: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/golf-course-redevelopment-standing-advisory-committee/GolfSAC-Kingswood-submissions>. The Dingley Village residents' submissions make for some interesting and inspiring reading - demonstrating the depth of feeling and unity in our community against this rezoning and redevelopment proposal.

What Happens Next?

A Public Hearing by the Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee will be held over a period of 3 weeks, where we get to present our objections in person, starting on the 8th of November 2021. DVCA made an application to the Committee requesting the Public Hearing to be adjourned to February 2022 for the following important reasons:

1. Covid 19 Pandemic

Covid 19 restrictions have limited community consultation and prevented community public meetings to be held over the very limited 60 day submission period. This has disadvantaged residents, limiting their ability to be fully informed and able to respond adequately, or at all, if they are not able to access the internet. DVCA requested a fair and just time period for residents to be fully informed about the Kingswood C199 Amendment.

2. Waste of Resources

The new proposal, Kingswood C199 Amendment, is similar to, but worse than, the Kingswood Amendment C151 proposed and rejected in 2018. This latest proposal is again a gross

overdevelopment of land, which is not zoned for residential use and the developer again has not consulted with the community about this proposal. Whilst this time round, Kingston Council has been replaced by the State Government as the planning decision maker, logically the outcome should be the same when assessed under Melbourne's planning policy and legislative requirements.

3. Breach of the Planning Guidelines for the Conversion of Golf Course Land to Other Purposes

Whilst Kingswood C199 Amendment fails to comply with legislative planning policy and guidelines, a complete breach of these planning guidelines stands out. Step 5 in the guidelines assessment path states clearly, that the applicant (Australian Super) should... "Develop a comprehensive community consultation process and commence consultation before preparing detailed plans".

There are 32 community groups in Dingley Village and DVCA believes not one of them has been individually consulted, in meetings, concerning amendment C199. Compounding this failure, whether by arrogance or ignorance, the developer has deliberately chosen not to engage with the two most significant community groups related to Amendment C199. Both are winners of the KCC Australia Day Community Group of the Year award. Why this calculated exclusion? Essentially because these two community groups do not agree with their proposal!!!

Adjournment of the Public Hearing would have resulted in a fairer process, enabling greater community consultation and communication to occur and we would have hoped some mandated communication between the developer, Australian Super, and our community, in order to explore possible solutions for Kingswood Golf Course. The Kingston Council also lodged a request for an adjournment. Unfortunately both these requests were not accepted by the Committee and the Public Hearing will be commencing on the 8th November 2021.

To Find Out More

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

Spring Rd Reserve

Residents Planting Volunteer Working Bee - Saturday 23 October 2021. Our next Spring Road Reserve Planting morning will be held on Saturday 23rd October. Let's hope we can get going again, after several delays due to the Covid restrictions, with the planting work at Spring Rd Reserve.

We need volunteers to join in and help with this, so why not come along, get outdoors and join in to help make our Spring Rd Reserve park even better!

Here are the details:

- Date: Saturday 23rd October 2021 (Covid permitting)
- Time: 10am to 12 noon
- Meeting Place: at the path entrance to Spring Road Reserve, opposite to Toorak Drive
- All necessary equipment will be provided, but you need to wear sturdy shoes and bring/wear your facemask
- RSVP: With your name, mobile and email to the DVNC **9558 1866** OR email the DVCA at dvcasecretary@gmail.com.

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 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.

OUR COUNCIL

Kingston budget focuses on building a strong, connected community

Kingston has adopted a budget for 2021–2022 which prioritises high-quality services and maintaining vital infrastructure, while investing in exciting new projects that will help to strengthen our community.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said the 2021-2022 budget aims to build a strong, connected community and includes a \$70 million plus capital works program.

"This budget has been 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."

Highlights of this budget include:

- Extending outdoor dining permits and a waiver of interest on overdue rates for the 2021/22 financial year to help alleviate the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for our community and businesses.
- Greening Kingston with a \$370,000 investment in planting 2,442 new street and park trees.
- Funding Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency response plan.
- Ensuring that local sports clubs are accessible for all, providing sporting facilities for women and girls.
- Major investment in important community facilities such as lifesaving clubs and improving Scout/Girl Guide halls to ensure they are accessible.
- Renewal of Council's core assets such as footpaths, roads, and drains.

"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.

You can view the 2021-22 Budget on our website at kingston.vic.gov.au/budget

Council endorses strategic plans for community feedback

Kingston Council has endorsed our draft Council Plan 2021-25 and Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, for community consultation.

The Council Plan is a four-year roadmap for how we will work in partnership with our community to build a more liveable and sustainable Kingston. The Council Plan, Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and Financial Plan, were developed from the recommendations of our Your Kingston Your Future Community Panel.

The independently selected Community Panel also created our new Community Vision that was launched in June and sets out the long-term aspirations of our community. Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said the draft Council Plan 2021-25 is council's commitment to working towards this vision.

"Our earlier stages of consultation, combined with the work of our community panel gave us a clear picture of what kind of future our community wants for Kingston," said Cr Staikos. "We hope this Council Plan gives our community a great sense of confidence that council is listening and has a clear roadmap for the next four years, and beyond, and that we will serve our community well."

"As well as directing the organisation and guiding decision-making, the Council Plan makes us accountable to our community," said Cr Staikos.

Council will focus on a range of goals, priorities, and capital investment over the next four years to work towards:

- Making our city a vibrant, enjoyable, and easy place to live.
- Prioritising our green environment and working towards net zero by 2030.
- Embracing the concept of a 20-minute city, support the ongoing process of decentralisation and support people to live, work and recreate locally.
- Ensuring we are progressive, inclusive and we prioritise the wellbeing of all members of our community.

- Fostering environments where the community will feel safe, and be safe, in all aspects of their lives
- Be collaborative, accountable, transparent, responsive, well-informed, and efficient.

The endorsed draft Public Health and Wellbeing Plan provides direction for Kingston to achieve positive health outcomes for our diverse community and will guide the delivery of council's health and wellbeing services.

Our ten-year Financial Plan that guides how we manage Kingston's finances will also be available for community feedback at a later date.

"It is vital we get these strategic plans right, so we really want to encourage the community to participate in this consultation and let us know what they think and if we have missed anything," Cr Staikos said. "We will then use the feedback to refine the plans before we adopt the final plans in October."

Once adopted, the Council Plan, and other strategic plans, will be submitted to the Minister for Local Government.

Community asked to help stamp out illegal dumping of rubbish

Council has called on the community to help keep Kingston clean and tidy and report any illegal dumping of rubbish.

We spend at least \$200,000 of ratepayer's money each year removing dumped rubbish from local streets, parks, and other open spaces. Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said while most people do the right thing, unfortunately we are seeing an increase in illegally dumped rubbish.

"We need your help to keep our neighbourhoods clean and to report those who have dumped rubbish. It is an offence for a person to just dump unwanted rubbish on their nature strip and in our parks and other open spaces."

"Council will collect the rubbish as quickly as possible, the sooner it is reported the sooner it can be collected," said Cr Staikos.

"If you spot someone dumping rubbish please note down as much detail as possible and consider taking photos, as the evidence will assist officers in their investigations and potential prosecutions."

You can make a report online at kingston.vic.gov.au or phone **1300 653 356**.

People who have unwanted rubbish are encouraged to pass on any working items to op shops or make use of the upcoming free annual hard waste collection that will get underway in September.

The free hard waste collection service runs over six weeks from Monday 6 September and covers 65,000

properties, starting from Kingston's north, before moving through the municipality to the south.

"These free hard waste collections provide an opportunity for Kingston's residents to dispose of e-waste, white goods, furniture and mattresses, among other approved household items," said Cr Staikos.

"Residents who have a domestic waste service can also book a hard waste collection at other times of the year for \$62.50." Residents will receive a pamphlet, providing information on the annual hard waste collection dates and what items are safe to put out.

Further information can be found at kingston.vic.gov.au/hardwaste



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Dingley Village Police Update

CRIME STOPPERS (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.

Victoria Police Annual Plan 2021-2022:

Outlines the key actions Victoria Police will undertake in the year ahead in the priority areas of: Community safety, Reducing crime, Reducing road trauma and Service delivery excellence.

Over the next 12 months Victoria Police will focus on building community safety by:

- implementing the Neighbourhood Policing Framework across all Police Service Areas.
- reforming the Protective Services Officer (PSO) model to expand career progression and operationalise deployment beyond public transport.
- continuing the modernisation of police facilities including the design, planning and procurement of a replacement Benalla Police Station.
- implementing the Victoria Police SHIELD program of information sharing between public and private industries to prevent future terrorist events.
- expanding the Aboriginal Youth Cautioning Program to minimise the contact of young people with the criminal justice system.
- evolving the Victoria Police COVID-19 response model and establishing a COVID Response Command and a COVID Quarantine Command.

The Victoria Police Annual Plan 2021- 2022 document can be viewed at <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-09/Victoria%20Police%20Annual%20Plan%202021-22.2.pdf>



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

National Carers Week

National Carers Week

Thank you to our readers who are carers! You do an amazing job that helps your family member or friend continue to live and home and in their community. You make an enormous contribution to our community that is so very important.

The *Carer Recognition Act 2012* formally acknowledges the important contribution that people in care relationships make to our community and the unique knowledge that carers hold of the person in their care.

From 10 to 16 October 2021, National Carers Week is the time to recognise and celebrate those who provide care and support to a family member or friend with disability, mental health condition, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged.

Unpaid carers look after someone who needs help to keep living at home. They can assist with attending appointments, transport, cooking, organising medication, shopping and personal care. Often carers also work, study and care for other people.

There are times when carers need support too. There is a range of programs which assist carers in their role.

Getting help through Carer Gateway

When you call Carer Gateway, you will reach a Carer Gateway service provider in your area. A trained worker will be available to talk with you and then help you to find services and support to meet your needs.

Carer Gateway provides a range of services and supports delivered both in person and online. Services include counselling, connecting with other carers, self-guided coaching, skills courses, practical help and advice, information about financial support and respite care (regular breaks or emergency respite).

Carer Gateway Ph: 📞 **1800 422 737**

For more information about Carer Gateway, visit 🌐 carergateway.gov.au

Alfred Health Carer Services

Alfred Health Carer Services provides carers in Melbourne's south with information and resources and assists with identifying helpful services. They offer a range services to carers based on emergency, short term and long-term needs.

Programs include:

- Carer Support Programs
- Events and Workshops
- Newsletters and eBulletins
- Help in other languages

Assistance can be provided over the telephone, in groups or face to face.

If you are a carer who needs support, call **1800 51 21 21**.

For more information, visit 🌐 carersouth.org.au/

Carer Card Program

The Victorian Carer Card recognises the significant contribution carers make to the lives of people they care for and the communities in which they live. The card provides discounts and benefits to carers in acknowledgement of this contribution.

To be eligible for a Carer Card you must be a resident of Victoria and either:

- the primary carer of a person with a disability, severe medical condition or mental illness, or someone who is frail aged or in need of palliative care
- a foster, kinship or respite carer.

You can confirm your eligibility by:

- providing your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) or your Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Vendor Number if you receive a carer payment or allowance
- having a medical professional verify your eligibility.

Professional carers that receive a wage for providing care are not eligible.

For comprehensive information about the program, visit 🌐 carercard.vic.gov.au/





Get ready to *scurry along* to one of the world's favourite musicals, brought to you in a **SING-A-LONG** format!

Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month



The aim of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is to shine a light on the devastating impact breast cancer has on thousands of Australians each day.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia. Its incidence is increasing – with 1 in 7 Australian women and about 1 in 700 Australian men expected to be diagnosed in their lifetime. Anyone can get breast cancer. Men and women, young and old, breast cancer does not discriminate.

Over 20,000 Australians will be diagnosed with the disease this year alone. That equates to 55 Australians every day. And over 3000 Australians will lose their lives to breast cancer this year. That's someone's mother, sister, friend or family member whose life has been tragically cut short because of the disease.

The disease develops when cells within the breast grow abnormally and multiply to form a tumour. Thanks to medical research, breast cancer that is contained within the breast is now largely treatable. Since the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) started funding research in 1994, five-year breast cancer survival rates have improved from 76% to 91%.

BreastScreen Victoria offers **FREE** breast screens to women between the ages of 50 - 74.

Book online today at breastscreen.org.au or by calling **13 20 50**

Information in this article provided by National Breast Cancer Foundation and is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice.



Early detection gives the best possible chance of survival, so it is important to be breast aware to ensure that you can spot any changes as soon as they appear. Most changes aren't due to breast cancer but it's important to see your doctor without delay if you notice any of these changes.

Symptoms of breast cancer may include:

- A lump or thickening in the breast, especially if it is only in one breast
- Changes to the shape or size of the breast
- Changes to the shape of the nipple, such as crusting, sores or ulcers, redness or inversion (a nipple that turns in when it used to point out).
- Changes to the skin of the breast, such as dimpling (sometimes looking like an orange peel), a rash, scaly appearance, unusual redness or other colour changes
- Fluid leaking or discharge from the nipple that occurs without squeezing
- Persistent, unusual pain that doesn't go away
- Swelling or discomfort in the armpit

Some people will not have any symptoms and the breast cancer is found during a screening mammogram. Symptoms of breast cancer in men are similar to those that women experience.



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.

dingleyvillage3172.com.au



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

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

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Building your 'Family Future Fund'

How much does it cost to raise a child? Obviously the answer is highly dependent on individual circumstances.

However, as a guide, a 2013 national study found that a typical middle income family would spend about \$812,000 on raising two children from birth to age 24. At that time child-raising costs were increasing at around 9% per annum, so it's a reasonable estimate that these days the cost of getting two kids to the point where they're ready to leave home (that's not to say that they will) is closer to \$1.48 million! And that's a middle of the road figure.

For low and middle income families transport is, perhaps surprisingly, the biggest single cost, but for high income families, education takes top spot. Along with childcare it eats up over a quarter of the household budget. That's largely due to the costs of private education.

Australian Unity, estimates that providing just one child with a private education from preschool to the end of high school will cost close to \$445,755. Opt for the Catholic system and that drops to around \$274,839, while a government education comes in at roughly \$135,850. Supporting a child through university adds substantially to these costs.

Creating a 'Family Future Fund'

Being forewarned about the costs of children, particularly educating them, provides an opportunity to prepare for the hit to the family budget.

Take Ben and Laura, a young professional couple with a combined after-tax income of \$150,000. They plan on starting a family in a few years and after allowing for other financial commitments decide to set aside 25% of their net income for their 'family future fund'. Opting for the safety of a high interest savings account their return after tax is 2% per annum.

When baby Rose arrives five years later, they have a head start of just over \$195,000 in meeting future child-raising costs. But babies and toddlers are relatively cheap to support compared with older children, so Ben and Laura don't need to dip into their fund just yet.

This is just as well as they are forced to stop their regular contributions when

unpaid parental leave puts a dent in their income. When Rose is ready to start school at age five the family fund has grown to \$215,463.

Matt and Sara on the other hand only begin to think about their future family costs when their first child Thom is born. To match Ben and Laura's savings balance by the time Thom starts school, Matt and Sara would need to save \$41,400 per year – for them, and most young couples, an impossible challenge.

Savings options

A child's 'future fund' is not something to speculate with. This means opting for 'safer' investments such as cash, term deposits or bonds, despite their generally lower returns. Alternatively, tax benefits may be gained by investing in insurance bonds or a friendly society education plan.

Another possibility is to pay the savings into a mortgage offset account. This will provide a return closer to the home loan rate, which is likely to be higher than interest rates currently available elsewhere. Funds can then be redrawn as school fees or other costs require.

¹ Conducted by the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) in conjunction with AMP.

² Figures estimated by Australian Unity relate to a child educated in a capital city.

While every family is unique, the costs of raising children are quite staggering. The sooner you talk to your licensed financial adviser about how you can plan the financial side of family life, the more enjoyable parenthood can be.

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- Wednesday 20th Oct: Book Club
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What's on at Dingley Village Library in October

Brain Training at Dingley Village Library Mondays 10.30 am.

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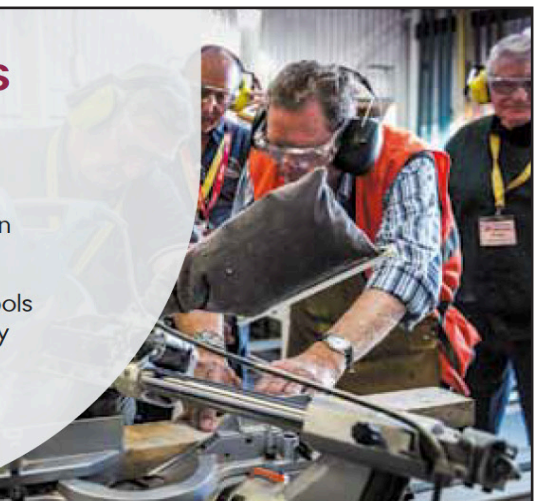
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Fifty-five, thin and edgy from the excesses of fast living in the money market, the broker decided that leaving Melbourne and his penthouse high above the Crown complex made a great deal of sense. There were no real costs according to his calculations, he needed to buy some time to consider future success; remove the threats of the intended Melbourne lockdown and escape to return to fight and win another day on the stock market. He hated the country; it was too slow, but he had no other option.

His mother had left him their small country cabin, near a river in Victoria's North West, in the Buckland Valley. He had never seen it for decades. Never interested enough. Life was full. He arrived at the cabin late on a Thursday night and endured the dusty smell and immediate emptiness with the help of TV and a strong coffee. There was no reception there for his mobile phone or his laptop to access the Internet. He then surveyed his more rusty than rustic accommodation for the next week and ate a carefully weighed meal that he had brought with him and turned in.

As the days wore on he started to enjoy some of the benefits of the isolation offered by the cabin. The idiot box had become his companion of choice but he began to weary of that. Friends were uncontactable and that was a weird feeling, he always got streams of tweets and Instagram images in town. He wasn't much of a reader, except for stock reports from around the world, but he had found a couple of westerns that he remembered his Dad loved to read. There was also a Jane Austen novel or two. His Mum would pore over paragraphs like she was sipping a glass of red wine, savouring each word and sentence.

With each day at the cabin, he began to feel that while idealistic for some isolation was not his forte, he missed the excitement of Melbourne and all the chirpy voices and fast pace he shared with friends and work colleagues. He didn't have a girlfriend, there had been many attempts to forge a relationship but seemingly he wasn't a good prize. He had no idea of the reasons.

After three days at the cabin and many failed attempts at filling all those empty spaces that only quiet can bring, he began taking walks along the creek, kicking up soft pads of moist fallen leaves in the dull autumn sun. Slowly, he came to like these little treks into the world, he told himself. He would return to his cabin and feel a different sort of success, one that he hadn't had since he was a boy.

One morning after a Nespresso he watched Morning Sunrise on TV. He had always enjoyed the jolly banter and of course, the updates from the US and European stock markets. The program that morning included an interview with a stocky, ruddy-faced farmer from some place up north.

The sun was up very early that day up that way, it was happily sharing its warmth and light as he stood in a paddock being interviewed. His wife and children were with him; the kids were playing with a young puppy, racing around to their screams of delight. They were speaking with the interviewer about how the drought had been broken for them with the recent heavy rains and how their future looked bright, even against the backdrop of this awful virus that was hurting everyone.

Disconnected, he turned off the TV and walked over to the window that overlooked the small back paddock that fell down to the creek. It was in light shadow, even at this early hour. All he could see was a mess, bulging camellia bushes and stunted apple trees, overgrown, ragged rose bushes that had once been lovingly tended by his Dad's hands and weeds in waves that were choking off the last remaining flowers, the joys of his mother.

Images of Dad and Mum returned. He thought about their love of gardening, always together in their gardens, here and in Melbourne. And how much they loved talking about their garden, it was both a passion and a recreation. An antidote for the challenges of their lives. With some sadness, he recalled the decision that he had made to forsake their tenderness and love to pursue the high life in London and New York as a young man. As the days passed he wanted to see them again, to feel his mother's touch and hear more tips from his father's treasure trove of life. Each day he thought of the gains that they had shared and achieved in their lifetimes. Love, kindness, humility and respect. You couldn't buy these, he was thinking.

Sitting on shadowy ground outside the cabin on the fifth morning, the broker finally saw them, in the apple trees, the camellias and the ragged bushes, the roses and the irises that had somehow survived against the odds, maintaining their presence and beauty amid all the checks and balances that nature had asked them to experience. He checked for tools in his dad's old shed and finding nothing, drove into Bright and bought a hammer, a hatchet and some rope. He also decided that it was time again for sausages, steak and eggs and they were added to his shopping list.

After three days of hard work, he could clearly see the full sunrise over the back paddock and just some of the fruits of his parents' labor of love. He munched on one of his Dad's apples and thought of the massive gains he was going to make for the rest of his life. Gains that would not be earned in a stock market, rather in the real life that he had decided he was going to return to.

Warren Duncan

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 others' company.

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What is an offset loan?

With an offset loan the borrower takes out a home loan and opens a linked savings or transaction account. The balance in the savings account is then 'offset' daily against the home loan.

How an offset loan works

Instead of receiving interest on your savings account each month, the account balance is offset against your home loan, reducing the amount of interest you pay over the life of the loan. For example, if you have \$20,000 in your offset account and \$400,000 owing on your mortgage, the interest on your home loan is calculated on \$380,000 instead of \$400,000. While your principal & interest repayments remain the same, you're paying less interest, which means you will be paying off more of the principal. If you can maintain a significant savings balance you can potentially pay

off your mortgage years earlier than with another type of loan. For home owners, another benefit is that because you are not actually paid interest on your savings, there is no income to pay tax on. For investors, potential taxation issues with using redraw are solved; the original purpose of the loan (presumably to purchase the investment property) is left intact by using the offset.

Getting maximum benefit from an offset loan

Because your mortgage interest is calculated daily, many borrowers have their salary paid into an offset account, immediately reducing the interest payable on the home loan. You can still access the money in your offset account online or with an ATM card, but because every dollar is saving you interest, it makes sense to keep the offset account balance as high as possible.

Another tactic is to use a credit card to cover monthly expenses so you can maintain the maximum amount in your offset account. At the end of the month, simply pay off your credit card with the money in your offset account.

The danger is if you're not a disciplined spender you may end up incurring interest charges on the credit card, costing more than you benefit.

What you need to know about offset accounts

- An offset account in most cases is identical to any other savings account with an eftpos card and online access, so you can withdraw your money at any time.
- Most offset accounts are offered with variable rate loans, however some lenders offer offset accounts on fixed rate loans, too.
- The benefit of an offset needs to be weighed against any associated cost.
- Every dollar interest saved is an additional dollar paid off your loan!

The upshot? Many borrowers could benefit from having an offset account. It's worth talking to your broker to find out more about the best option for your circumstances.

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Dingley Football Netball Club



The Southern Football Netball League finally 'pulled the pin' on season 2021 in a joint announcement with other leagues on 2nd September. This was a number of weeks into the Premier's short, sharp, one week lockdown.

All metro and country leagues worked diligently to plan some sort of reduced Finals Series, up to the point where it became no longer practical in most cases, especially in metropolitan areas where travel is severely restricted. The SFNL football season came to a halt after the scheduled Round 15 game at Highett.

With previous cancelled games this meant that we had a twelve match season, with the Dingley Senior team losing only one game, to finish one game clear of second-placed Cheltenham. The Reserves fared even better, being undefeated. The Under 19 grade was also heading for finals as was our Thirds side. Our netball teams were similarly successful throughout their year and we

are looking forward to finals success. With no finals possible, determining whether Premierships would be awarded, and how any promotion and relegation system would work through each division, was a problem not previously encountered.

At the time of writing these notes, the SFNL is yet to make decisions on those matters and Best and Fairest Award winners will be announced in coming weeks. Those findings will be reported in next month's article.

Community sport faces real problems and all teams, in all clubs, are to be congratulated for maintaining their commitment to their sport in the hope of a resumption. Alas, it was not to be.

Looking forward, your proud Dingley Football Netball Club has already announced that senior playing coach Danny Ades has been re-appointed for another two years and he is already at work ensuring that the existing playing groups not only stay intact, but continue to be the benchmark club in the SFNL.

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Let us break it down

There are lots of studies that have explored the treatment of macular degeneration with supplement tablets, the most mentionable being the Age-related Eye Disease Study (AREDS). In it, they found a combination of vitamins that actually helped reduce the risk of significant vision loss for patients who take them.

- Do they work for those that do not have macular degeneration as a preventative? No.
- Do they work for people who have advanced macular degeneration? No.
- Who do they work for? They work for those who have the start of macular degeneration up to the intermediate stage, by reducing their risk of developing complications as a result of advanced macular degeneration.
- How do you know what stage of macular degeneration you have? You don't, and you won't know, unless you see an optometrist, who is able to detect if you have the condition first, and if so, what stage of the condition you have, to determine if vitamin supplements are suitable for you.
- Do they work? Yes, they do, but be aware it is a risk reduction only.

Are all supplements for macular degeneration made the same? No.

Some vitamin supplements that claim to use the AREDS formula have double the zinc content and therefore can place some patients at an increased risk of developing urinary tract infections. Some brands require 2 tablets a day, while others require just 1 tablet a day.

If you are concerned you are taking the wrong supplements please bring the bottle in with you to your next appointment, for your optometrist to assess its suitability.

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Do fish oil (Omega 3 & 6) supplements help macular degeneration? Not really, but they did find that AREDS2 participants with the highest fish consumption had the slowest rate of cognitive decline over 10 years, so there are still significant benefits overall!

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The surrounding suburbs have trees. In fact, many compared to the tree coverage of neighbouring municipality Greater Dandenong where tree coverage is one of the lowest in the South East. Along the nature strips and growing in front and back yards, there are ornamental, fruit and some native trees. However, we all know that back and front yards are shrinking or disappearing. We have all seen brick family houses with front and back gardens of low shrubs and one or two larger trees replaced with townhouses or one big cement box with a small rectangle of grass or allegedly artistic succulents at the front. The rest of the block is covered either the same or cemented for cars. Does it matter? Of course it matters!

We all know that trees provide oxygen, shade, homes for the birds and possums, and are nicer to see than cement. A Google search will bring up hundreds of reasons why we, human being lifeforms, need trees for our health, our communities, our happiness, our natural world, our economy, our property values, and our future. I don't think there are many reasons why trees need us! They were here first, back when they were making all of those fossil fuels and being homes for the first primates. It is strange how many people like trees in Braeside Park but not on their property or on their streets. Once, the first thing a person did on acquiring a home was to plant a fruit tree, usually lemon. Now, it appears that the first thing is to remove the trees because the tree might drop a branch or leaves.

The original trees in Braeside Park are very few and very old. Most of the trees were propagated and planted by The Friends Group around 30 years ago. They are much appreciated by all who visit, but tree canopy on public land, such as the Park, is less than one-third of the suburban landscape. Two-thirds is privately owned and that is where the trees are needed.

Amazingly, many owners have fits if any law is suggested to boost or just to maintain vegetation on private land for the health and well-being of us all stacked together here in Melbourne. This is surprising because the same people grumble about others not wearing masks and keeping their social distance, etc., during the COVID19 pandemic for the common good. The maintenance of appropriate trees and shrubs on private land is vital to combat climate change compared to which COVID19 is temporary. "Finland is officially the world's happiest country. It is also 75 per cent forest. I believe these facts are related." (Matt Haig) Australia is the 10th happiest. Do you think that we are all going to leave this pandemic happier than we entered? Plant an appropriate tree and whenever we finally get released, join The Friends planting trees in Braeside Park.



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And finally, a torch from the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games, brought back many memories of this great sporting event. 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**.

Burden Park Bowls Club



Burden park bowls club hopes the restrictions will be over by mid October, because this is when summer pennant begins. Summer pennant goes for 14 weeks and we play games at home and away.

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Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

The current 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 - Will we turn the corner this October?

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If you need any further information about the 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 Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

As it turned out, we were unable to hold any of our planned activities in September (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 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

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 11:30.

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

Web: www.kcc.crm.org.au

Email: admin@crm.org.au

Senior Pastor: Dan Parker

Senior Associate Pastor: Dave Harrison

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as we try to navigate through these unprecedented times. Kingston City Church is praying for wisdom for our government and all those in authority responsible for making decisions to minimise the impact and spread of the Coronavirus here in Australia.

We also thank all of our Healthcare & Essential Workers for placing themselves on the front line for us all. We honour and commend you for everything you're doing to help us in these turbulent times. The welfare department of Kingston City Church continues to distribute food parcels on a weekly basis as we strive to play a small part in helping those in need.

We are streaming our Sunday services and our home groups connect on Zoom. We are working hard to maintain contact and to be available to support one another during these days of isolation.

Our home groups consist of members in your neighbourhood who meet in homes on a weekly/fortnightly basis to chat, care, share supper and support each other. We have home groups in various suburbs that have been a source of strength to many in our community with prayer and social networking. Please feel free to reach out if you would be interested in connecting with our home groups. I'll leave you with a verse from the bible, which I believe we as a community are putting into practice. Philippians 2:4 'do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.'

Dishan Rajaratnam

Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church



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

All enquiries phone **9580 6983**

www.heathertondingleyauca.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 October:

- 1st October - St Therese of Lisieux Virgin & Doctor
- 4th October - St Francis of Assisi
- 5th October - St Faustina Kowalska Divine Mercy
- 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary
- 11th October - St John XXIII Pope
- 15th October - St Theresa of Avila Virgin & Doctor
- 16th October - St Margaret Mary Alacoque Sacred Heart
- 18th October - St Luke Evangelist
- 22nd October - St John Paul II Pope
- 28th October - St Simon & St Jude Apostles

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 OCTOBER 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 through <https://www.villagechurch.org.au>

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.

Bible Study

*Women's –Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Thursdays fortnightly 10-11.30am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and 2.30-4pm via Zoom, 14th and 28th October. 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 or **9551 7871**
Web: www.ccd.org.au

Sunday Services (All services subject to Covid Restrictions)
8.30am - Traditional Service with Holy Communion and Hymns
10.30am - More Contemporary Service with Children's Program.

CCD Weekly sermons can be accessed through our Website each Sunday.
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.

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Regular Ministries

Professional Counselling
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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**
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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.

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