

# THE DINGLEY DOSSIER

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### **CLOSE THE GAP**

A pivotal moment in First Nations advocacy for rights in Australia was in 2005, with the then Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Professor Tom Calma calling on governments, through his social justice report, to urgently close the gap in life expectancy and health status for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within 25 years. Statistics:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people born in 2015-17 have a life expectancy estimated to be 8.6 years lower than that of non-Indigenous people
- First Nations People are 5 times more likely to suffer from diabetes and 4 times more likely for chronic kidney disease compared to non-Indigenous Australians
- Two-thirds of First Nations People have one chronic disease, and onethird suffer from 3 or more chronic diseases
- 80 per cent of the mortality gap between First Nations and non-Indigenous Australians aged 35-74 years is due to chronic diseases

The differences in health outcomes are causally linked to the social determinants of health, health risk factors and access to appropriate health services.

The social determinants of health are estimated to be responsible for more than one-third of the health gaps between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.

First Nations peoples on average have lower levels of education, employment, income, and poorer quality of housing. These factors, known as the social determinants of health, impact on an individual's health status, and are inextricably connected. If First Nations adults had the same household income, employment rate, working hours, and smoking rates as non-Indigenous Australians, the health gap would be reduced by more than a third.

In July 2020, a new National Agreement was reached after evidence from the previous 12 years of the Government's first iteration of the Closing the Gap Strategy not having achieved what had been hoped for. Upon reviewing the failures of the previous Agreement, Prime Minister Morrison stated 'that without true partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, we will hamper our own progress'. The Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations, Local Government Association) committed to 16 targets under the National Agreement to Close the Gap, including the following.

Target 1: Close the gap in life expectancy within a generation by 2031. Target 10: By 2031, reduce the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults held in incarceration by at least 15 per cent. Target 14: Significant and sustained reduction in suicide of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people towards zero

- The foundation of these 16 targets are the four priority reform areas:
- · shared decision making,
- building the community-controlled sector,
- improving mainstream institutions, and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led data

Pat Turner AM, CEO of NACCHO, stated 'the four priority reform areas, including for the first time a commitment to fighting structural racism, are game changers that the government is committing to'.

Information in this article provided by ANTaR: <a href="https://antar.org.au">https://antar.org.au</a>

New National agreement can be viewed: <a href="https://www.closingthegap.gov.au/">https://www.closingthegap.gov.au/</a>



### **FARMERS' MARKET**

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH | 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

# LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

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**Crime Stoppers:** 

1800 333 000

**Lifeline**: 13 11 14

#### Suicide Call Back Service

1300 659 467

**SES**: 13 25 00

**Poisons Info: 13 11 26** 

#### Coronavirus Hotline

1800 675 398

MensLine:

1300 789 978

#### W/IRF

### (Women's Information and Referral Exchange):

1300 134 130

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1800 022 222

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#### Neighbourhood Centre:

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#### **Community Association:**

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VicRoads Faults and Hazards:

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**RSPCA** 

9224 2222

#### Justice of the Peace

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

# Shop Local, Shop Independent, Shop Small & do Business Locally

#### My Community Life

My Community Life is an online hub for community groups, organisations and local residents. View and post group details, upcoming events, local activities, volunteering opportunities and get involved in community life in the City of Kingston!

My Community Life is a service of City of Kingston: www.mycommunitylife.com.au

#### Seniors Expo postponed

The City of Kingston Senior Services Expo to be held on Tuesday 1st March has been postponed until further notice due to COVID -19 safety measures.

#### Travelling con men/women

City of Kingston recently became aware of people knocking on doors posing as City of Kingston staff members and offering services such as draught proofing to Kingston residents.

Please be aware that City of Kingston staff will always:

- have an appointment time
- have Kingston branded ID on them
- wear a Kingston branded uniform
- · drive a Kingston branded vehicle.

Please report any suspicious behaviour to the police. If you have questions about your appointment times, contact AccessCare on 1300 819 200.

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#### **Electronic Devices**

Keeping your operating system and applications up to date is one of the best ways to protect yourself from being hacked. An update is a new, improved or safer version of a software. All your personal or business devices including your phone, tablet, computer or laptop use software to run. Many software providers release these free updates for their products, to correct security concerns and improve functionality.

An automatic update is a default or 'set and forget' feature that updates your software as soon as an update is available. Turn on or confirm auto-updates or regularly check for and install updates ASAP if auto-updates are unavailable. Installing software updates as soon as they become available limits the amount of time cybercriminals have to find and use these weaknesses.

#### Special Dates in March

#### 01 March - St David's Day

St David is the patron saint of Wales. St David's Day has been a national day of celebration for the Welsh community since the 18th century, featuring parades, festivities and singing.

01 March - Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The day before Ash Wednesday was therefore the ideal time to make pancakes to use up eggs, milk and sugar that would be given up during Lent.

02 March - Ash Wednesday/ Lent

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter and for Christians a day of prayer and fasting. During the period of Lent, Christians give up certain luxuries. This could be alcohol, chocolate, or something else they enjoy but can manage without.

#### 15 - 21 March - Harmony Week

Harmony Week celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our diverse nation. Schools, community groups and organisations across Australia host Harmony Week events.

#### 17 March - National Close the Gap Day

National Close the Gap Day aims to raise awareness about the health and life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

#### 17 March - St Patrick's Day

This day is Ireland's National Day. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and brought Christianity to Ireland in the early days of the faith.

#### 28 March - Holi (Festival of Colours)

Holi is a boisterous festival with people smearing each other with coloured water and bright powders. Originally a festival to celebrate good harvests and fertility of the land, Holi also commemorates some key figures in Hindu mythology.



#### **OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 19TH MARCH**

There is a great selection to tempt your culinary skills and excite your taste buds.

Set in the car park and surrounds at the front of Marcus Road Reserve, and the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, stalls sit amidst mature trees showcasing fresh and seasonal produce from across Victoria.

Whilst March is one of the busiest markets, you can check out our Facebook page on the Friday prior to the market for an updated list of stall holders attending on Saturday. While most of our stall holders are permanent, sometimes they are unable to attend <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DinglevVillageFarmersMarket/">https://www.facebook.com/DinglevVillageFarmersMarket/</a>.

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

The Farmers' Market operates as a community event to provide residents access to fresh Victorian produce and support Victorian producers. It is an activity of the Dingley village Neighbourhood Centre and does not operate for profit. Customer feedback, concerns and ideas are welcome, look out for Market Manager Amy and market staff in orange hi-vis vests that say EVENT STAFF.

#### Dogs and the Market

Dogs must be on a 2m, or shorter leash Please ensure that leashes do not become a tripping hazard and dogs do not relieve themselves in the market area. We ask that you be mindful of other people when bringing your dog onsite.

Not all dogs are appropriate for the market setting.



Large crowds, accessible food, small children and other dogs can challenge your dog's attention and behaviour. If your dog is not comfortable in public conditions, holds ANY reactive tendencies or is prone to barking, please ensure you leave them at home.



# LOCKDOWN OR COVID19 RESTRICTIONS:

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

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

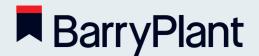
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### DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

#### **2022 DVCA Key Projects**

There's a lot going on in our village, with DVCA focussing on the following key projects this year:

#### Spring Road Masterplan

Development of an overall plan for Spring Road reserve improvements, such as paths, planting, shade provision, BBQ and family facilities.

#### **Chadwick Paddock Integration**

Landscape improvements, provision of a dog park and community infrastructure on Chadwick Paddock, adjacent to the new Chadwick Reserve Pavilion and Oval.

### Pedestrian Crossing - Centre Dandenong Road - at Mona's Bakery

Commencement of the second pedestrian crossing (opposite Mona's Bakery), enabling residents to access health providers on the south side of Centre Dandenong Road.

#### Tootal Road Upgrade

Improvement to both pedestrian (and cycling) path provision and vehicular traffic management along Tootal Road.

#### Old Shell Site

Improvement to the appearance, at the corner of Centre Dandenong and Springvale Roads, of the former Shell service station site and surrounding bushland.

### Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre and Souter Oval Pavilion Redevelopment

Implementation of Stage 2 of the Dingley Community Precinct Masterplan

#### **Dingley Village Flood Problems**

Improvements to alleviate the flood problems in many areas of Dingley Village.

Please remember, if you have a village issue you would like the DVCA to address, contact us at dvcasecretary@gmail.com.

#### Our New Mordialloc Freeway Bike and Walking Path

If you haven't already done so - check out the new Mordialloc Freeway cycling /walking path. This new 8km off road path runs alongside the Freeway from the Dingley Bypass south to Springvale Road, providing a safe off-road path to cycle or walk along.

Access points are located at:

- Dingley Bypass
- Lower Dandenong Road
- Centre Dandenong Road
- Lower Dandenong Road
- Braeside Park
- Governors Road and Waterways
- · Springvale Road

Autumn is here and temperatures are cooling down - so why not explore the new off-road cycling/ walking routes now possible from Dingley Village to Mordialloc, Paterson River, Aspendale Gardens and other connecting cycling /walking paths.

Closer to home, the new path provides a safe alternate route from the village to the bushland pathways of Braeside Park, using the direct access entry point to the park.

#### Kingswood Golf Course Tree Removal - VCAT

DVCA is extremely disappointed to see Australian Super continue their relentless pursuit of tree removal on Kingswood golf course. Council rejected many of Australian Super's numerous individual applications to remove established trees and habitat on the golf course last year, on the basis that there would be:

"a detrimental impact to the environment and inappropriate loss of native vegetation"

Australian Super has now, and at much expense, requested that VCAT review 21 individual applications made to remove trees and habitat on the golf course, with every objector having received a tree load of paperwork from Australian Super's lawyers for each of these applications.

All this going on whilst our village community awaits the Minister of Planning's decision on the Kingswood rezoning and development proposal for large-scale multi-unit housing, which would result in the removal of thousands of trees and native vegetation from the golf course.

#### DVCA

Please consider joining the DVCA. The DVCA is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village. Meetings are held in Harold Box Hall at the library, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7.30pm. New members are most welcome to attend.

#### **DVCA Contact Details**

For further information please contact the Leigh (President) and Jon (Secretary) at dvcasecretary@gmail.com, or visit www.dvca.info



# **OUR COUNCIL**

#### Councils tackle graffiti with Urban Canvas

Six Melbourne inner-city councils are taking a collaborative approach in the ongoing fight against graffiti.

Urban Canvas, a project part of the Inner South Metropolitan Mayors Forum (ISMMF), will see new art created and graffiti vandalism removed in the Cities of Bayside, Boroondara, Glen Eira, Kingston, Port Phillip and Stonnington on Victorian Government and corporate third-party assets from post boxes, tram stops and substations.

Urban Canvas is funded by the Department of Treasury and Finance's Community Support Fund with \$1.98 million split equally between the six participating councils over two years to help remove graffiti, or prevent graffiti vandalism through installation of unique street art.

The first phase of the project took place in November and saw 75 artists come together to create murals along the St Kilda Junction tram stop, reinvigorating a series of subway walls and road sidings owned by Yarra Trams and VicRoads.

Usually, councils can't remove graffiti or touch assets owned by the Victorian Government and third parties, such as utilities suppliers and transport providers.

Under the Urban Canvas project, however, government agencies and companies including Yarra Trams, Telstra, VicRoads, Australia Post, Citipower, South East Water and VicTrack have given the councils permission to remove graffiti and commission art for their assets.

As well as providing a proactive approach to tackling unsightly graffiti in public spaces, the project provides employment opportunities for many Melbourne artists. New street art makes these spaces feel safer and more connected through a shared appreciation of what makes each city unique.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said Kingston has already installed a number of much-loved art murals around the community to deter graffiti and we are keen to do more by working in partnership with other councils to keep our neighbourhoods looking their very best. Port Phillip Council completed 4493 graffiti removal requests in the 2020-2021 financial year, which included the removal of 24,810 square metres of graffiti across the City. These figures include three months where limited removals could take place due to lockdown restrictions.

Now with the ability to address this vandalism to third-party assets, the Urban Canvas project allows councils to add another string to the bow in the ongoing battle of eliminating graffiti from our cities.

#### Kingston Net Zero 2030 -Supporting our community to take climate action

We are facing a climate and ecological emergency. Climate change is contributing to impacts on local beaches, biodiversity, infrastructure, residents and businesses. Business-as-usual is not enough when it comes to the urgent need for emissions reductions.

In July 2021, Kingston's Climate and Ecological Emergency Response Plan was endorsed to guide urgent action.

Our targets are:

Net zero Council emissions by 2025

Support the community to reduce

- emissions by 40% by 2025Net zero community emissions by
- Net zero community emissions by 2030.
- Priority areas for action and long term goals are identified in the Climate and Ecological Emergency Response Plan.

In the immediate term, Council will focus on supporting our community to:

- Design buildings, prepare applications and build. developments that meet a high Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) standard.
- Transition business towards more energy efficient technology, away from gas as an energy source and towards electricity from renewable sources.
- Take up low-carbon and sustainable transport options.

We will also be:

- Growing the electric vehicle. charging network across Kingston
- Expanding waste services to include 4 bins, to further reduce waste to landfill.
- Providing up-to-date, practical and evidence-based environmental education for the community.
- Protecting and expanding our urban forest on private and public land.
- Reducing the impacts of heat in our urban environment.

To support Council's target of net zero by 2025 for our own operations, we will:

- Reduce our fleet (number, size and fuel use) and transition away from petrol driven vehicles.
- Install solar panels on suitable Council buildings
- Design all new Council buildings to meet our ESD policy objectives, including no new gas
- Increase the percentage of treated stormwater and recycled water to irrigate sports fields across Kingston
- Develop and implement training for Council staff focused on our response to the Climate and Ecological Emergency and their



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITIOR



Australian Super continues their relentless attempts to destroy the habitat on Kingswood Golf Course Park.

They applied to remove up to 100 trees over recent years and recently cut one off at the ground without permission. Apparently not all trees and scrub require permission, so they take advantage of that.

Two things are puzzling:

- 1. Shouldn't AustralianSuper try to establish good terms with neighbours? No, instead they are obviously too arrogant and bullying for that.
- Destroying the environment is against all Super Fund's

Recent AustralianSuper CEO Ian Silk hammered the environmental point at a meeting of Super Funds, even suggesting it was illegal to destroy the environment.

Yet still AustralianSuper makes no attempt to preserve the urban forest and habitat. All because they made a massively inappropriate purchase.

Consult residents?

No! AustralianSuper prefers to fight them, with QC Lawyers and highly paid consultants. Currently there are three more applications to remove trees and 21 tree demolition refusals appealed to VCAT.

Thank you, Kingston Council, for being a steadfast support for Dingley Village residents.

AustralianSuper's latest stunt was to ask the Golf Course Redevelopment Advisory Committee for permission to rezone and build - "then later on we will work out the floods problem". Their application included a jaw-dropping error of neglecting millions of litres of floods.

The only solution to the floods problem is to not build on Kingswood Park. AustralianSuper Destroys the Environment

Yours faithfully Kevin Poulter President Save Kingswood Group incorporated 0435 378 678 savedingley@gmail.com

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# I'm working hard to ensure that our community's voice is heard.

If I can be of assistance with any federal issue, don't hesitate to contact me. I am happy to help.



# MARK DREYFUS QC MP Federal Member for Isaacs

Shadow Attorney-General & Shadow Minister for Constitutional Reform

# MEDICAL MATTERS

#### **Hearing Health**

Ear and hearing health is important to health and wellbeing. Untreated hearing loss and ear disease can have a big impact on the lives of children and adults alike.

#### Hearing loss can:

- affect a child's ability to listen, learn and talk
- · result in lower school attendance
- affect a person's ability to get an education and find work
- affect social and emotional wellbeing, including a higher risk of low self-esteem, low confidence, memory loss and depression
- · lead to social isolation.

#### In Australia:

- One in six people have some level of hearing loss and this level is expected to rise to one in four by 2050.
- More than 1.3 million people live with a hearing condition that could have been prevented.
- One in three people over the age of 50 suffer from hearing loss. This number rises to one in two after the age of 60.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have a much higher rate of ear disease than other children, which can result in hearing loss.
- As Australia's population ages, we expect the number of people with a hearing impairment to double to an estimated 7.8 million people in 2060.
- Employment rates for people with hearing loss are 20.5% lower for men and 16.5% lower for women.
- A person with untreated hearing loss earns an average of \$10K less than people with no hearing loss or treated hearing loss.
- Hearing loss is costing Australia \$15 billion a year in health system costs and lost productivity.
- Hearing loss is more common than heart disease, cancer and diabetes.
- There are 10,000 people whose first language is Ausla.n

#### The most common types of hearing loss are:

- Age related hearing loss
- Noise-induced hearing loss

#### How is hearing loss treated?

In most people, hearing loss cannot be reversed, but there are treatments available that can help you improve your hearing, including:

- · hearing aids
- · cochlear implants and
- surgery

Technology, including some phone apps, can also help.





Hearing loss prevention is key to decreasing the chances of hearing loss later in life. Research has also encouragingly proven that hearing loss is in fact one of the world's most preventable impairments. We live in an extremely noisy world, with sound levels that threaten our hearing over long periods of time.

There are steps you can take to prevent noise-induced hearing loss and reduce the severity of age-related hearing loss, including:

- · Avoid excessive and loud noises as much as possible.
- Invest in home appliances and devices that have low ambient noise levels.
- · Wear earplugs or earmuffs when around loud noises.
- Book regular hearing tests.

It is important to look after our hearing health, which contributes to our quality of life, social engagement, career, confidence, and communication. Find out more about hearing loss prevention and the Australian Government's hearing services program. www.hearingservices.gov.au

If you are concerned about your hearing, you might consider doing an online test before you see your doctor or an audiologist. The Know Your Noise website, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, lets you work out whether your hearing might be a problem.

#### https://knowyournoise.nal.gov.au/

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# SAFER COMMUNITY 🕏

# New online safety laws come into force

The Online Safety Act 2021 is new legislation that makes Australia's existing laws for online safety more expansive and much stronger.

Our Laws need to keep pace with advances in technology and the threats we face online from harmful behaviour and toxic content. These modern times of rapid change and social upheaval call for robust new laws.

The new powers in the Online Safety Act cement eSafety's role as a world leader in online safety. They place Australia at the international forefront in the fight against online harm.

The Act has significant implications for online service providers because it makes them more accountable for the online safety of the people who use their service.

The Act gives eSafety substantial new powers to protect all Australians – adults now as well as children – across most online platforms and forums where people can experience harm.

There is, for the first time, a clear set of expectations for online service providers that makes them accountable for the safety of people who use their services.

The Act also requires industry to develop new codes to regulate illegal and restricted content.

This refers to the most seriously harmful material, such as videos showing sexual abuse of children or acts of terrorism, through to content that is inappropriate for children, such as high impact violence and nudity.



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#### The Online Safety Act:

creates a world-first Adult Cyber Abuse Scheme for Australians 18 years and older.

This broadens the Cyberbullying Scheme for children to capture harms that occur on services other than social media updates the Image-Based Abuse Scheme that allows eSafety to seek the removal of intimate images or videos shared online without the consent of the person shown.

This gives eSafety new powers to require internet service providers to block access to material showing abhorrent violent conduct such as terrorist acts.

This gives the existing Online Content Scheme new powers to regulate illegal and restricted content no matter where it's hosted brings app distribution services and search engines into the remit of the new Online Content Scheme.

This introduces Basic Online Safety Expectations for online service providers halves the time that online service. Providers have to respond to an eSafety removal notice, though eSafety can extend the new 24-hour period.



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# What does the Online Safety Act 2021 mean for Australians?

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To find more information about types of online abuse, or to report abuse: https://www.esafety.gov.au/

# What are the main changes in the new Act?

The Online Safety Act:

- creates a world-first Adult Cyber Abuse Scheme for Australians 18 years and older
- broadens the Cyberbullying Scheme for children to capture harms that occur on services other than social media
- updates the Image-Based Abuse Scheme that allows eSafety to seek removal of intimate images or videos shared online without the consent of the person shown
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#### An illegal gun is a dangerous gun.

A national gun amnesty has been launched across Australia, with holders told to surrender their illegal firearms or face the full force of the law.

The three-month campaign is encouraging people to surrender any illegal guns in their possession and dob in neighbours, family and friends to Crime Stoppers.



It is estimated more than 260,000 unregistered guns are in circulation in Australia. Illegal guns can be surrendered at licensed firearm dealers and police stations across the country as part of the amnesty.

Say something before it is too late. Crime Stoppers Victoria will keep your information safe and confidential.

Tell them what you know online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au or on 1800 333 000



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

# LOOKING AT LOANS

#### Do you need a Finance Broker or a Financial Planner?

When taking the plunge into the world of home loans and property investment, the challenge often lies in knowing which expert to approach for help. Brokers and financial planners, although similar in their professional outlook, cater to different financial endeavours.

Brokers who deal in home loans must be qualified, and licensed loan advisers with in-depth knowledge of home loans and options suitable for a range of different financial situations. They negotiate with lenders to arrange loans and help manage the process through to settlement.

When it comes to talking about a client's debt structure or interest rates, or the best way to set up a loan, the specialist is the mortgage broker who is qualified to give credit advice.

In contrast, financial planners assist with anticipating and managing your long standing financial outlook. They help sort through and select options for investment and insurance, with attention paid to retirement planning, estate planning and investment analysis. Think in particular, advice relating to management of superannuation,

life insurance and other sorts of wealth protection insurances. A financial planner's work is wide-reaching and important to your long-term financial health and stability.

It is important to note, finance broking and financial planning are not interchangeable – they operate under different licences. Options relating to loans and refinancing (credit advice) can only be recommended by qualified brokers, licenced under an Australian Credit Licence (ACL).

Financial planning advice can only be given by a planner qualified and licenced under an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL).

There are some situations where it would be best to include both types of financial professional. For instance, if your broker is helping you refinance your loans in order to undertake a financial investment, a financial planner can step in to help you to assess the best investment option for you.

At Integrity Finance Australia we operate under Australian Credit Licence 392184 offering specialist credit advice.

Where we see clients for investment lending advice, that will often involve working in conjunction with the client

financial planner to ensure an alignment in objectives and plans.

Note our residential lending advice services remain at no charge to you, we get paid by receipt of commission from whichever bank the loan is eventually sent to (your choice in the end, inclusive of the 4 major banks).

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#### So who should you see?

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# DINGLEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



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Jobs Victoria Advocates can help you find work by connecting you to local support and training.

# WHAT ARE JOBS VICTORIA ADVOCATES?

Jobs Victoria Advocates support people who are looking for work by connecting them to information, advice, and the right services.

There are more than 100 Jobs Victoria Advocates working in local communities across Victoria.

# WHERE ARE JOBS VICTORIA ADVOCATES?

Jobs Victoria Advocates are working in communities across the state in regional and metropolitan Melbourne.

They meet with people in community spaces such as libraries, sports clubs and shopping centres to make sure everyone knows about resources available to help them find a job.

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# WHATS ON AT THE DINGLEY LIBRARY

# Access to the library will be in line with the guidelines set out by the Victorian Government.

### KINGSTON LIBRARIES

www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library

#### 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 <a href="https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library/eLibrary">www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library/eLibrary</a> you will be surprised with what you find.

#### **Return Chutes**

Returns can be made to Dingley Village Library 24/7 using the external returns chute located to the left of the outdoor library entrance. A concierge will be available near the building entrance during opening hours to assist if needed.

#### Renewals

If you can't make it to any Kingston Libraries branch to return your items, and they are eligible for renewal, you can renew your items online by signing into your library card account on Kingston Libraries' online library catalogue, or by using the Kingston Libraries app which is available to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Alternatively, you can call the library on **1300 135 668** during business hours and speak to a staff member to renew your items over the phone.



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Kingston Libraries run a number of regular programs throughout the year for children and families, from Tiny Tots Rhyme Time and Preschool Storytime for little ones, to afterschool programs that are suitable for a variety of different ages, including Makerspaces where all ages are welcome.

#### **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. Movies will be rated G or PG.

#### 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 of all ages are welcome. Saturday 12-2pm.

#### **Important Information**

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult while in the library. Check out children's and youth programs at the other libraries in the City of Kingston. Phone: 1300 135 668 Web: <a href="mailto:library@kingston.vic.gov.au">library@kingston.vic.gov.au</a> Email: library@kingston.vic.gov.au





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### **DOLLARS & SENSE**



#### The foundations of successful investing

Establishing an investment portfolio can be likened to building a home. The most destructive, yet unpredictable predator to the structure of a home is the weather. Even in these most technically advanced days, we are still unable to accurately predict the weather.

And so too, a man is a fool if he thinks he can successfully predict the future of the global economy. Like the weather it can be the most unpredictable and destructive threat to your investment earnings. But with a carefully built portfolio based on sound foundations, you have a much better chance of weathering a financial storm.

#### Investment principles

The foundations of a strong portfolio rely on four key pillars or investment principles... quality, value, diversity and time. We are probably all tired of the old line, "don't put all your eggs into one basket" - meaning to diversify your portfolio - but that is only one pillar on which to rely. The other three are equally important. Forget about just one and you are setting yourself up for a collapse.

Let us briefly explain why all four pillars are crucial to your investing success... If we look at the first two pillars, quality and value, it is obvious this means to look for assets that are expected to provide higher returns relative to their risks.

Applying this to shares, quality companies should have a sound basis to their operations and growth; that is, their earnings are not driven by fads. This, however, might mean they take time to deliver. Remember that investing in the share market is generally a long-term strategy.

Quality and value do not always go hand in hand. Quality stocks may trade at such high prices that they offer low initial value, or it could be that expectations for these companies are sometimes too high. The key here is quality; the expectation is that they will be around for a long time, not just a good time.

This takes us to diversity. Diversity acts like the scales in a portfolio, providing balance. True diversity in a portfolio gives the investor the opportunity to take advantage of "hot stocks" or asset classes, whilst balancing out the risk with quality stocks and asset classes. It can provide a buffer against mistakes in

assessing value because nobody gets it right all of the time. A well-balanced portfolio should be designed to cope with occasional losses.

And finally, the pillar of time applies to the previous three. It can give you the best chance of success. Every market will suffer periodic downturns, however over time the upturn will always triumph. The golden rule is do not panic and get caught up in the fear and greed cycle.

Make sure your investment portfolio is based on solid foundations. Talk to your licensed financial adviser.

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## SCANNING THE SCHOOLS

Heatherton

Christian College



#### **Heatherton Christian College**

Term One has kicked off with students back onsite

Heatherton has had a wonderful start to the year as classrooms are once again filled with books and pencils, the lockers are filled with bags and the playground is filled with children.

The staff and students are looking forward to a year of school events such as District Sports, excursions, presentation nights and more. Here are some lovely Grade Two students taking pride in their masterpieces from their first Art Class of 2022.

An impressive highlight for Heatherton Christian College already has been the Annual Beachside Gift.

Our Student Leaders gave up their Saturday to volunteer with the Annual Beachside Gift event. The event aims to promote Professional Athletics in the City of Kingston and Heatherton Christian College have been partnering with them for the past 3 years. The event is even broadcasted. and we have been delighted to have been given the opportunity to support a local council event.







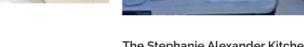
their hands dirty and enjoy all that the program has to offer.

In our first week, the students each made a placemat for themselves and for our volunteers. Our zucchini crop has once again been in overdrive over the summer holidays with huge

They have been ready to be used straight into our meals with yummy zucchini fritters and zucchini carbonara being served as the main meal over the two weeks. For our salads we utilised the beetroot growing in the garden to make a beetroot salad and a beetroot tzatziki dip. There were lots of hands stained with a beautiful shade of pink. For our bread, we baked basic bread rolls and pumpkin muffins.

separate little batches so that these children did not miss out. We also used bananas in our muffins yesterday as an alternative for eggs. This added an extra sweetness to our

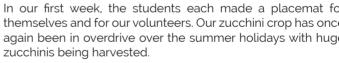
child's class in the kitchen over this last fortnight. Thanks to one of our dads who took the day off work and helped in the garden too.



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It was such a wonderful start to the 2022 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program with our 3/4HD students last week. There were so many eager and excited children ready to get



We catered for a few of our gluten free students by making

Thanks to the parent helpers who have come to support their

#### St Mark's Primary School

We welcome Frances Matisi, our new school principal to St Mark's Primary School. Frances was the principal at St Kevin's Primary School in Templestowe for the past 8 years. We also welcome Amy Garlick, a Year 5/6 teacher and Melissa Angerosa, our new school Administration officer.

#### **School Tours dates:**

We have already had many inquiries about school tours and enrolment dates from families interested in starting at St Mark's in 2023.

- Thursday 10th March 9:15am
- Friday 11th March 11:45am
- Wednesday 16th March 9:15am
- Tuesday 22nd March 9:15am
- Wednesday 23rd March 9:15am
- Tuesday 3rd May 7pm
- Wednesday 4th May 9:15am
- Thursday 19th May 9:15am
- Friday 20th May 9:15am

If you would like to come in for a tour of the school, please make a booking at the school office on 9551 1150.





He was able to assist us by digging three large holes in our orchard to plant three new fruit trees (avocado, fig, and blueberry). I purchased these extra trees over the summer holidays with some of the remaining reward money I received in 2020.

I am still so proud of the fact that we were the winners of the Victorian Schools Garden Award for "Catholic Education Melbourne - Most engaging garden for wellbeing learning." With this money we designed and created the orchard in 2021. With the help of 3/4C, who are regularly watering with their watering cans, the trees and plants are growing very well. Arigatou!

Mrs. Tammie Siegert

#### 3/4 HD Student Reflections

Cooking was a really good experience. Cooking With my friends was amazing. By Zachary.

I like cooking and thank you for the food. By Cooper.

Cooking is fun and this is what we did. First, we got into groups of 4. The groups were 'Zucchini,' 'Carrot,' 'Tomato' and 'Eggplant'. I was in 'Carrot.' Our job was to cut all the capsicum and celery to make a roll with cheese and pastry. It was fun eating what we made, and I am looking forward to next week. By Harrison.

I enjoyed making the salad because I learned new things like how to chop and use a knife. I enjoyed chopping the beetroot because I learned how to chop the hard things. I think the meal and the salad were amazing. By Faith.

I cut the zucchini and spread olive oil on it. It was really really fun! From Leo.

We made salad but my favourite part is when we eat the food because it is yummy. By Leyla.

Today I made pumpkin muffins with Mrs. Hovel. We did a double batch so then everyone could have one each. I helped mix the bananas and the flour with sultanas. We picked a big zucchini and lots of carrots. I helped dig out and replant a tree. By Rhiannon.

Cooking was fun and I got to make muffins with bananas and the bananas smelt good. I liked making the dough because I got to feel it and it felt like slime. It smelt good. By Jessica.

I liked how I got to make the main meal. I look forward to trying the main meal and the muffins. I also look forward to trying the salad and dip. By Hayley.

I love gardening and cooking. I like the carrot sticks. I also enjoyed picking the beetroot and pulling weeds out. So much fun! The pumpkin muffins were yum. By George.

Today I was in the main meal group ('Eggplants') and we made a pasta thing-I can't really remember what it was called. It looked very yummy! We used 2 BIG zucchinis and a small one. I peeled the garlic, and my hands still smell like it! I had lots of fun. I also stirred the pasta; it was lots of fun! I had a great time. I can't wait for next week! By Chloe.

My favourite part of today was when I made salad. Thankyou. By Conor.

Today's cooking was so fun we ('Eggplant' group) made salad. In the salad was beetroot, snow peas, lemon, feta, and olive oil. By Chloe.



### **DINGLEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

#### **Dingley Auskick Coordinator for 2022**

The Dingley Junior Football Club is taking expressions of interest as advertised for the 2022 coordinator.

Due date for this interest is 7 March 2022



#### The role - What's an Auskick Coordinator

The Centre Coordinator is the key figure behind everything that happens at a NAB AFL Auskick Centre – they make the whole experience tick. It is typically for a parent of an Auskicker participating in the program, but anyone with a passionate approach to footy or a desire to make a difference in the community can do it!

**Responsibilities and Commitments** 

Advertising and Recruiting (with assistance from the Junior Football Club)

Facilitating and managing Parent Participation in Program Delivery

Cultivating a sense of Community

**Maintaining Resources** 

Providing Feedback to the AFL

Coordinating the sessions on your chosen day and time schedule

#### **Additional Benefits**

The Dingley Junior Football Club is making this role a paid position and for a further discussion please contact Michael Moran 0458 916 787 (Secretary of Dingley Junior Football Club) or via email at secretary@difc.org.au

#### **Further Information**

https://play.afl/auskick/coordinators

#### Manage and Operate DJFC Canteen, Howard Road, Dingley.

The club is taking expressions of interests from persons interested in managing and operating the Canteen Facilities at the new Chadwick Sports Club.

The role would consist of weekend operations (Sunday game days) and the management of the Canteen facilities. The purchase of the sale products will remain with the club, although it would be expected of the manager to advise the club of the required products for purchase.

Previous experience in operating a school/club canteen will be considered advantageous but not essential.

Expressions of Interest to operate our canteen are due by 7 March 2022 at 4.00pm. They can be submitted via email to secretary@djfc.org.au and addressed to Michael Moran. Club Representatives and the President will consider submissions and will meet with prospective operators before making a decision.

The Dingley Junior Football Club is making this role a paid position.

Applicants must have a current working with children check, food handling certificate along with evidence of double vaccination status.

The club will provide a small equipped kitchen area for food preparation and cooking. The canteen manager or service provider will cook and serve quality and healthy food items to players and parents, and maintain the operation of the canteen facility. For further information please feel to contact Michael Moran on 0458 916 787.

## WRITERS CORNER



#### I am Benny the Beagle

I am Benny, a sniffer-dog at one of the busiest airports in Australia and modestly I can say I am one of the best. I work ten hours per day for four days in a row with lots of breaks, and then have a few days off. I average four hundred passengers per day with about twenty hits per day.

There are a lot of labradors used as sniffers but us beagles are smaller and closer to the ground, and we are more nimble. I can smell fruit, seeds, eggs and small animals. I am particularly good at finding narcotics such as cannabis, cocaine, ice and any other drugs.

Yesterday, I had just started when I could tell there was part of a pig in a bag on the carousel. When I indicate there is something in a piece of luggage someone from Customs known as a pad scout will keep that bag under surveillance until the passenger picks it up. I wear Muttluks on my paws to protect surfaces and give me more traction when searching carousels - and they make me taller.

Debbie, who works with me - actually she is called my handler - is one of the nicest humans that I have worked with. She gives me treats and sometimes when I detect something she gives me chocolate. She might be forty or fifty years old. I don't understand why humans live so long. Some of the passengers would be at least seventy or eighty years old. How do they live that long and why do they want to?

I think I am three years old and that seems like a long time. My mother would be twelve years old now if she were still alive. I can't imagine what it would be like for me to be fifty or sixty years old. I could never be a sniffer dog and what hope in catching a rabbit? I did my training with male humans and they can be a bit rough sometimes - I prefer to work with female handlers.

I realise I am a very lucky dog. I enjoy the work I do and I feel good that I am preventing some bad stuff from coming into this country. I get to exercise everyday in open space with labradors and some other breeds. We have a lot of fun and occasionally there might be a fight. The food is good and different and I have my own kennel with a back yard.

I often have a bone at night to chew and that is good. Some of my friends that worked with me have retired and were taken by their handlers to live with them. I expect to work for quite some time yet, however; it would be great if when I do retire, Debbie would take me to live with her in her home. I have to be fit at all times to do this job, so our training program is very important. I do swimming, running and jumping when I am not working at the airport.

Tony Coyle 10/2020



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

### YOUTH CORNER



#### **Dingley Scouts**

School is now back in full swing and so are after school activities. If you are still deciding on a fun and educational activity for your child, why not give scouting a go?



Scouting offers youth a diverse range of activities ranging from section nights at our local scout hall, to fun activities with other troops within our district, state, even nationally and yes even internationally.

Our youth and leaders have already planned some great activities for this term. Our Cubs and their families will be taking part in a 'Come and try' canoeing day. Our scouts are planning a hike at Lysterfield Lake as well as an overnight hike and camp. The Venturers will all be heading camping too and joining in at 'Anything Goes'.

We will also be taking part in, and supporting, the local ANZAC Day service. If you see us there, come on over and say hello.

Want to know more, then contact our Group Leader, Vanessa, her details are below, and let's see where the adventure takes you.

Joeys 5 - 7yrs Contact our Group Leader Cubs 8 - 10yrs Monday 6:45pm - 8:15pm Scouts 11 - 14yrs Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm Venturers 15 - 17yrs Friday 7:30pm - 9:30pm Rovers 18 - 26yrs Monday 7:30pm - 10:00pm

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

# **CIRCLING THE CLUBS**



#### Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

Over the last month of so it has been nice to undertake our activities more or less as had been planned beforehand. A few of our Members have been unwell and we wish them a speedy recovery. Those who went on our bus trip to Sorrento last month had an enjoyable day.

Also, our lunch at the Club was very much appreciated. Note that there will be no Club on the 14th of March (this being a Labour Day holiday).

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

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

#### **Probus Club Dingley Central**



Our President Ann welcomed over 90 happy members, to our 1st face to face meeting for several months. We also celebrated our Clubs 31st Birthday, with long time members John and Sylvia Stollery, given the honour of cutting the cake

Our guest speakers were Barry Gomm and Robert Anderson, radio presenters from Golden Days Radio 95.7fm. This is a community radio station staffed by over 90 volunteers, showcasing music from the 1930's to 1970's. Many of whom have had a professional career in broadcasting.

Their programs consist of music for the over 50's, particular items of interest, and they welcome phone calls and emails. Now streaming overseas GDR attracts over 6000 listeners a week. Activities planned for March: Happy Hour, iPad group, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, Legs, Morning Coffee, Dine Out, Men's Lunch, Craft Group 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.

New members are most welcome, for further information please contact Ruth on 9587 0432.

#### **Burden Park Bowls Club**



#### MIDWEEK PENNANT

1st team had a great win beating Ferntree Gully who are sitting top of the ladder! Something to celebrate! They earned 15 points and are sitting 3rd on the ladder, 1 point ahead of Mordialloc 2nd team lost to Keysborough by just 2 points – so near, yet so far!

#### SATURDAY PENNANT

1st team defeated Carrum - 91 points to 68 points earning 16 points for their win, sitting in a very good position to play in the finals.

2nd team, though beaten by Narre Warren by a mere 6 points, had 2 rinks up and earned 4 points. While the loss was disappointing, members must take heart in that Narre Warren had a HUGE win over the team on their roofed greens.

3rd team unfortunately lost their match by 7 points but earned a valuable 3 points. The selectors are working hard to get as many players as possible eligible to play in the finals, should the team get there!

The good news is that if you have been thinking of joining a lawn bowls club, this is your time to act. So come down and have a go, you'll love it. We are currently looking for new members to play lawn bowls and are offering all new members, men, women, and children a deal you can't go past.

The first year is free with some small conditions.

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- 2. You must remain a member for 2 years.

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- 3. A key to get in to bowl whenever you like. (\$50.00 deposit is required)
- 4. We have several pennant sides so everybody will get a game of pennant.
- 5. You will be joining a club with fun loving and friendly members.
- 6. In the summer we play competitive pennant, and in the winter, we play social bowls.

So, if you're interested in having a go, give Rob a call on **0407 326 481** he'd love to hear from you. We are located on the corner of Springvale Rd and Heatherton Rd Springvale.

#### Country Women's Association Dingley Village



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

We were pleased to be able to meet face to face again on February 23rd for our Business Meeting. Our pre-Christmas stall was very successful, and we thank everyone for purchasing items. Your support is very much appreciated.

We are currently concentrating on making items for the proposed Mother's Day stall in late April and for our "winter Warmers" stall in June. More details on these at a later date.

Our Craft Meeting will be held on 9th March at the home of a member. Our next Business Meeting will take place on 23rd March 2022 at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

Craft meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and Business meetings on the fourth Wednesday. In 2022 our meetings will be subject to Covid guidelines.

If you need any further information about C.W.A., or would like to consider becoming a member, Please contact either - Kathy on **0403 468 969** or Julie on **9584 1139**.

#### Lions Club of Dingley Village



We are in need of new members, a great opportunity to help your community.

If anybody has any of the following items, they can be left at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

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

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

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

#### 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 080 333** for more information.

#### Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club (Voice Interest Education of Women)



New members are most welcome to join our monthly meetings and learn from our guest speakers and enjoy our monthly social outings. VIEW (Voice Interests, and Education of Women) Clubs support The Smith Family and their Learning for Life Programme which provides education

for vulnerable Australian children. Australia has over one million children living below the poverty line. Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club are currently sponsoring 7 Children with their education.

Women from all walks of life are most welcome to join us please contact Fran Thomas for further information. franniet@gmail.com or **0419 309 931**. Meeting; Second Tuesday of the month at 10am.

Where, Keysborough Golf Club, 55 Hutton Rd Keysborough, easy parking. Masks and proof of Double Vaccination required.

#### Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

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 Graeme on **9551 3462**. PS - Will 2022 be a replica of 2021? Let us hope not.

#### 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, gam 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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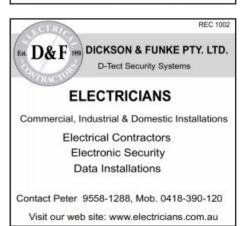


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#### **Heatherton Dingley - Uniting Church**



Cnr Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton.

Sunday services at 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion second Sunday of the month at 10.00 a.m.

All enquiries phone **0431 244 561** 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.

#### Bark and chat special service Sunday

20th March at 10.00 a.m. You and your dog are invited to a special church service and morning tea to give thanks for what dogs do for us.

Special focus will be on Assistance Dogs with the offering going to fund Assistance Dog Training. All welcome Enquiries: Margaret Howse

0401 392 772.

#### **Christ Church Dingley**



387 Old Dandenong Road, Dingley (at the roundabout)

Contact: admin@ccd.org.au or **9551 7871** Web: <u>www.ccd.org.au</u>

Our Vision: To be a Thriving, Need-Meeting and Life-Transforming Community with Jesus at the Centre.

#### **Sunday Services**

9am - Heritage Church Service 10.30am - Auditorium Church

#### Ministers

Vicar: Rev Richard Loh (9551 7871)

#### CCD Weekly sermons

You can accessed through our Website each Sunday. <u>www.ccd.org.au</u> (Past services are accessible here also)

#### Monthly Communion Service

On the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm we hold a service with Communion and favourite hymns – Transport available on request. Please contact the office 9551 7871.

#### **Prayer Meeting times**

Saturday mornings from 8am to 9am Wednesdays from 12pm to 1pm.

#### CAP Money Course (free)

Learn some easy to apply methods for getting control of your money rather than it controlling you – Two Thursday nights 3rd & 10 March 7.30-9pm. Register through the office admin@ccd.org.au

#### **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. Volunteers welcome please ring **9551 7871** or email admin@ccd.org.au

#### Opening hours:

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

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

#### **Regular Ministries**

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#### Medical Mission Aid Stall

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#### Youth

Every Friday (during school term)
7pm–9pm. Year 7-12s welcome!
Check our website for what's happening
- https://www.ccd.org.au/youth/

#### **Church Office**

For all enquiries contact the office: 9551 7871 or send an email admin@ccd.org.au

#### **Kingston City Church**



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

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

Ph: **8551 6600**, Fax: **8551 6690**. Web: <u>www.kcc.crm.org.au</u> Email: admin@crm.org.au

Senior Pastor: Dan Parker Sunday Services: 10am Service has Children's Ministry.

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Refresh is for everyone. Because sometimes we all need to click that 'Refresh' button. Not just for online stuff, but also for our personal world. Connection with God hits that refresh button for our soul. It's vital for staying grounded, energised and focused.

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- Bible Chat an engaging chat between two people, about a short passage or chapter from the Bible, pondering how it relates to all of us personally.

You are welcome to watch anytime. LOVE to have you there.

Kirsten and the Refresh Team from Kingston City Church.

#### 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 March is as follows:

#### Sundays

10.00 a.m. Worship Service at 7
Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via livestream through https://www.villagechurch.org.au.
Communion Service - 6th March, 10am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough. \*Kids Church at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough - 10.30am for 4 year olds through to Grade 6 until in person gatherings resume. All welcome. Contact office for Zoom link.

#### **Prayer Time**

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am via Zoom link. Contact office for link. Monthly - Saturday 19th March; 9-10am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and via Zoom link and Monday 21st March 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom link. Contact office for links.

#### **Bible Study**

\*Precept Short study - 6 weekly session on "Being a disciple - counting the real cost"; Mondays 10am or 7pm at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Wednesdays 10am via Zoom link. Contact office for Zoom link.

#### **Monthly Ladies Group**

Sisters in Christ - second Monday of every month, 7:30-9pm at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and via Zoom link. Contact office for link.

#### Youth Group

Every Friday during school term, 7.00-9.00pm at 7 Fiveways Boulevard for Years 7-12 youth. Contact the office for further details and to register your interest.

#### 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.

#### St Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village, 3172.

Phone: 9551 6930 or 9547 4877 Email: Springvale@cam.org.au ST JOSEPH SPRINGVALE | Catholic church. Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Truong Nguyen OFM Conv.

#### **Mass Times**

Saturdays, 6pm | Sundays, 9.30am Confession before Mass on Saturdays.

#### Important dates for March

2 March-14 April - Lent
2 March - Ash Wednesday
19 March - Solemnity of St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
25 March - The Annunciation of the Lord

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



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

#### Hours of operation

8:30am - 5:00pm. Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by appointment.

#### 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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