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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

**7.30PM on the 17th of May 2022 at the Harold Box Hall
 31 Marcus Road Dingley Village**

The Annual Community Consultation Meeting is back, and everyone is invited to attend, giving us all an opportunity to be informed about what is happening in the Dingley Village community.

So please come along to the Harold Box Hall in the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre/Library complex, on the 17th, everyone is most welcome.



Organised by Dingley Village Community Association

Speakers are:

- Leigh Gridley, Chairman Dingley Village Community Association (DVCA)
- Simone Hardham and Trudy Pritchard, Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre
- Steve Staikos, Mayor City of Kingston
- George Hua, Councillor Caruana Ward, City of Kingston
- Mark Dreyfus, Federal Member for Isaacs
- Robbie Beaton, Federal Candidate for Isaacs
- Anthony Richardson, State Candidate for Clarinda (our new electorate)
- Kevin Poulter, save Kingswood Group
- Kerrie Brewer, Hawthorn Football Club

Questions | Finish time: 9 PM

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FARMERS' MARKET
 SATURDAY 21ST MAY | 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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Happy Mothers' Day

To all the mums, grandmothers, step mums, foster mums, mums-to-be, mother figures, surrogate mums and all the men doing both the mother and father roles, wishing you all a wonderful day filled with love and laughter.



Vale Phil Kent, Inaugural Editor, Dingley Dossier

Phillip Kent passed away in April of this year and we extend our sympathies to the Kent family.

It was in 1972 that members of the Dingley Village Community Association met and decided to publish a local newspaper to inform residents of events, they included Phillip Kent, Murray Cowell and Brian Pullen. Phil was appointed the editor and produced a broadsheet called Dingley Doings, which evolved into the Dingley Dossier and published 91 issues over 11 years, until 1983 before handing over to Ron & Marj Vogt. Phil's words were – "the Dossier was born out of a necessity for development, growth, innovation and accomplishment."

Phil and Kath Kent (Garside) were married in 1955 and lived in Forest Park Rd. Their life revolved around the Church, the golf club and the tennis club. His earliest impression of Dingley was – a quaint little village with a church, school, general store and golf course surrounded by market gardens. Very much a reminder of villages in England. Many of us in Dingley, remember the great contribution Phil made to the Village.

Flu Shots more important than ever

Experts predict Flu to roar back during Australia's winter after two-year reprieve. Over the COVID-19 period there has been lower exposure to influenza virus and lower levels of influenza vaccine coverage compared to previous years. Vaccination is still the best way to protect yourselves this winter.

The following people are eligible to receive a free seasonal influenza vaccine:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged six months and older
- People aged six months to less than five years
- Pregnant women (at any stage of pregnancy)
- People aged 65 years and older
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Our apologies if your Dingley Dossier has been late in the last few months. Several of our distributors have had to isolate due to COVID, which resulted in delayed delivery. If you do not receive your Dossier by the 7th or you know someone who does not receive the Dossier, please contact the Neighbourhood Centre **8512 0505**. The Dingley Dossier is distributed to every residence and small business in Dingley Village, unless letterbox says 'No Newspapers.'

Special Dates in May

Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is an annual event held each May to raise community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence and the support available to those affected. The key aims of the month are to:

- Raise community awareness of domestic and family violence and its impacts.
- Promote a clear message of no tolerance of domestic and family violence in Queensland communities.
- Ensure those who are experiencing domestic and family violence know how to access help and support.
- Encourage people who use abuse and/or violence to take responsibility for their abusive behaviour and seek support to change.

2-3 May Eid al-Fitr (Islam)

During the month of Ramadan Eid al-Fitr is a time of charitable giving, peace-making and spiritual renewal.

16th May Vesak Day

Vesak, also known as Buddha Jayanti, Buddha Purnima and Buddha Day, is one of the most important dates on the Buddhist calendar. It celebrates the birth of Buddha in 623 B.C.



It was also on this day that the Buddha attained enlightenment and, coincidentally, it is the day he passed away eighty years later.

22nd May RSPCA Million Paws Walk

The Million Paws Walk is a fundraising event for the RSPCA. The RSPCA investigates more than 50,000 of animal cruelty or neglect each year. Website: www.millionpawswalk.com.au/

26th May National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day, or the National Day of Healing, is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May since 1998. The event remembers and commemorates the mistreatment of the country's Indigenous peoples, as part of an ongoing process of reconciliation between the Indigenous peoples of Australia and the settler population.

The date was selected because on that date in 1997 the Bringing Them Home report was published.



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FARMERS MARKET

OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 21ST MAY



Our May market falls on Election Day, so why not pop into the market after voting and treat yourself to delicious Victorian produce.

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 <https://www.facebook.com/DingleyVillageFarmersMarket/>.

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. With the colder weather, why not check out Spud Sisters, 280 Fresh, La Villa Salumi and Moorabool River Beef, for ingredients for hearty soups and casseroles.

Not all dogs are right 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.



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



The Farmers' Market runs 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.

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DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual Community Consultation Meeting - 17th May 2022

Make sure you don't miss the Annual Community Consultation meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th May @ 7:30pm in the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, Marcus Rd.

This is a great opportunity to find out and ask questions about the issues affecting our village. So come along, our local Politicians, Councillors and other Community Leaders will be reporting back to you about our local community here in Dingley Village.

Please mark this date in your calendar, the meeting is open to everyone.

Moorabbin Airport Masterplan 2021 REJECTED

The Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Barnaby Joyce has rejected the draft Masterplan 2021-2041 for Moorabbin Airport (Moorabbin Airport is not subject to the Victorian Planning Policy or Kingston Planning Scheme).

The draft plan sought to:

- develop the remaining 44 hectares of undeveloped airport land for non-aviation commercial activity.
- increase aviation students from 1350 to 1800 students per year (safe capacity limit).
- increase aviation movements from 268,000 per year to 375,000 (the practical capacity limit) by 2041, with flight training operations accounting for 90% of movements.

Both Kingston Council and the Aviation Industry have welcomed the plan's rejection, due to concerns about:

- reduction of land available for aviation use
- safety risks and adequacy of space around runways
- commercial development near neighbouring homes

The rejected plan also failed to address the issue of aircraft noise or any measures to reduce circuit training activity on surrounding residential areas.

So now it is back to the drawing board for the Moorabbin Airport Corporation (MAC) to produce a revised airport plan.

With the majority of circuit training flying to the east of the Airport (over Dingley Village), DVCA is very concerned about an increase of 33% in aviation students, and their circuit training flight activity and will work hard to have circuit training aircraft noise issues recognised and addressed by MAC in any revised plan.

Green Wedge Good News - Metro Concrete VCAT Decision P569

DVCA is pleased to see that Metro Concrete's request for a permit extension to 5 December 2033, has been rejected by VCAT. This VCAT decision, supports Council's refusal to grant a permit extension on this site, as the site's zoning, Green Wedge - Zone A, now prohibits concrete batching operations.

Metro Concrete, located at 683 - 687 Clayton Road Clarinda, is directly opposite the closed landfill site in Victory Road, currently being rehabilitated as a 31 hectare public park, which will be part of the Kingston Sandbelt Chain of Parks project, to provide linked parks from Karkarook Park through to Braeside Park.

It is great to see VCAT upholding Planning Policy for the Sandbelt Open Space Project, with their determination stating:

"I am not persuaded that the continued use of the land for the purposes of a concrete batching plant for a further eleven years would make a positive contribution to the achievement of a linked network of public open spaces, nor does it amount to a well-designed development which is compatible with the Sandbelt open space project by offering recreational or tourism related opportunities on a site that has high exposure to planned open spaces."

VCAT REFERENCE NO. P569/2021.

Council Media Release: Kingswood Golf Course

DVCA thanks Kingston Council for their recent media release calling for changes to the proposed redevelopment of Kingswood Golf Course. Our Council and State and Federal Politicians have all supported our fight against Kingswood's development.

The Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee has now

completed their report for the Minister of Planning. We trust that the Victorian Planning Minister, who will make the final decision, is listening to our community's massive rejection of this proposed rezoning and development for Kingswood Golf Course, in the heart of our village.

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

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OUR COUNCIL

Kingston welcomes refusal of airport masterplan

The future of aviation at Moorabbin Airport looks more secure thanks to the Australian Government's refusal of plans that would have put the local aviation industry at risk.

Kingston Council welcomes today's announcement from Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce - who is also the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development - that the draft Moorabbin Airport masterplan has been refused under the Commonwealth Airports Act.

Moorabbin Airport is regularly listed as the second busiest airport in Australia, and plays an important industry role, training approximately 29% of Australia's pilots.

Moorabbin also provides critical links to Tasmania, King Island, rural and regional NSW, and SA.

The airport site is leased to the Moorabbin Airport Corporation (MAC) by the Commonwealth Government, and the Airports Act requires it be maintained for aviation purposes. But Kingston Mayor Cr Steve Staikos said the draft masterplan proposed by MAC continued the trend of previous masterplans that facilitated substantial non-aviation development, further threatening to squeeze out aviation businesses.

Kingston Council and local aviation representatives have been advocating to the Australian Government over many months to refuse the draft plan due to concerns including:

- Significant safety risks posed by commercial buildings being built close to airport runways.
- Allowing large-scale factories to be built metres from adjoining established homes.
- Reduced land for aviation purposes compromising the medium to longer term intent of the land for aviation
- Inability to provide surety of tenure for aviation businesses whose survival is reliant on existing on the airport site.

"We welcome the Australian Government's refusal of the proposed masterplan and believe it sends a clear signal in support of the local aviation industry," Cr Staikos said.

"We want to see adequate space set aside around runways to ensure safety and secure a strong future for aviation businesses, plus see much tighter controls to limit commercial development near neighbouring homes. "We believe the decision at Moorabbin Airport is an important one for Local Governments around Australia who have a strong role to play in enhancing aviation policy."

Kingston's Chicquita Ward Councillor Tracey Davies said Council and the Moorabbin Chamber of Commerce were pleased their concerns were directly heard by the Deputy Prime Minister and Senator Susan McDonald through the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Senate hearing, which is examining Australia's general aviation industry.

The support of the Member for Isaacs, Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP has also been critical to reinforce that much work is still to be done to deliver the benefits intended through airport deregulation.

"We were proud to also work with the Moorabbin Airport Chamber of Commerce and Industry and I would like to particularly acknowledge the support provided by Adrienne Fleming OAM of Tristar Aviation, to raise important safety issues and support our local business community," Cr Davies said.

"We now look forward to working with MAC, the Moorabbin Airport Chamber of Commerce and the Australian Government to develop an enhanced plan that meets the needs of the aviation industry and neighbouring residents."

State Government investment needed in Patterson River

Kingston Council has called on the Victorian Government to invest in the future of the Patterson River Precinct.

There are significant issues that require attention at Patterson River (and Mordialloc Creek), which the Department of Environment, Land, Water and

Planning (DELWP) have identified as requiring \$60 million over four years to address.

Land management responsibilities are complicated along the river, with Melbourne Water owning the land, which is managed by DELWP, and maintained by Parks Victoria, but Council continues to work with all these parties to protect these important areas.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said while it was encouraging to see funding go to the DELWP to deliver a masterplan for Patterson River, the process mustn't delay actions that are needed presently.


"We are concerned that the state government wants all future funding bids to be guided by the masterplan, which means that immediate and urgent actions would need to wait until the process is completed despite current funds not nearly meeting the current maintenance needs of the precinct," Cr Staikos said.

Banksia Ward Councillor Cameron Howe said there were some clear problems that need addressing immediately.

"Patterson River is home to the state's busiest boat ramp, with pedestrian and maritime maintenance issues unaddressed for too many years, including steep street to trail access points, unstable walkways cordoned off and malfunctioning lighting through to ageing boat ramps," Cr Howe said.

"The masterplan, when funded, will upgrade this critical gateway to the bay, but adequate maintenance funding from the state is imperative now, especially with user falls and incidents at some of the street to trail access points and growing boating user complaints."

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MARCUS CLARKE LIBRARY

Petition for Dingley Village Library Name Change to The Marcus Clarke Library

Will you help us to honour a great Victorian, writer and journalist?

Have you ever wondered the reason for the naming of Marcus Road in Dingley Village? It was named after one of our most celebrated authors and writers in late 19th Century Victoria, Marcus Clarke.

Marcus Clarke spent time in Dingley in the 1870s while he wrote his most famous novel "For the Term of His Natural Life". He was also famous as a journalist and writer while working for the Argus by representing the reality of how the poor lived in the slums of Melbourne at that time.

Accomplished writer Martin Flanagan advised us that "For the Term of his Natural Life" opened the eyes of the English and colonials to the savage treatment of convicts. He spent time at Port Arthur before it was closed down. It was to Australia what Uncle Tom's Cabin was to the US in its treatment of slaves.

Clarke's contribution to Australian literature has been recognized with a number of place names. A main street in Canberra City bears his name. Marcus Road and Clarke Road commemorate his time in Dingley Village.

In 1973 he was honoured on a postage stamp bearing his portrait issued by Australia Post and he is one of the writers commemorated with a plaque on the Sydney Writers Walk.

It's time we locals did the same. He was inducted into The Australian Media Hall of Fame in 2017 with the following tributes: Clarke - journalist, poet, bon vivant and novelist was described by his biographer as the only truly monumental work of literature in the first 100 years of Australian history, and a book that has never been out of print.

The novel was inspired by Clarke's reporting on the convict prison system in Tasmania. Clarke also wrote a witty, irreverent column in The Argus and has a collection of short stories called Australian Tales based on his time in the bush and country towns.

Noted Australian writer, Martin Flanagan, has had this to say of Marcus Clarke.

Marcus Clarke, dead at 35, was a prodigy.

"He is chiefly remembered for his novel, For the Term of His Natural Life, which did roughly for the convict system in the Australian colonies what Uncle Tom's Cabin did for the institution of slavery in the United States - it confronted the middle and upper classes with the gross inhumanity practised by their own societies.

For the Term of His Natural Life travelled the world and, in a speech in Melbourne in 1895, 14 years after Clarke's death, Mark Twain declared him a "genius" and said: "I may tell you that we think a deal more of Marcus Clarke in our country than I am sorry to think you do here."

We now have a beautiful new Library, fittingly enough on Marcus Road, and members of the Dingley Village Writers Group consider that it would be highly appropriate if the Library could be named in his honour to recognise his significant contribution to Australian journalism and literature.

We would appreciate your support - evidence of community support to substantiate our application to Kingston Council that we can have a Marcus Clarke Memorial Library.

Marcus was a settler in our region, like many other less celebrated but hard-working people, who crafted the fields for vegetables and fruits to feed early Melbourne. Like others, his efforts in another century helped to set the basis for the fortunate lives that we live today.

Petition for Dingley Village Library Name Change to The Marcus Clarke Library. There is a petition available for you to sign to support this initiative at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

Will you drop by at the Centre and sign the petition? As with all petitions of this type of your details will NOT be shared with anyone.

More information is available on Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Clarke

Thanks for your support

Warren
Dingley Village Writers Group

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



To the Editor

Kingswood - it's not over

We await the decision of the Planning Minister, but are not resting, as we continue to make strong reasons for saving Dingley Village. Planning Minister Wynne is not obliged to reveal the contents of the committee report, nor advise when he receives it, nor follow the recommendations exactly, nor take notice of Kingston Council, Residents and 8,000 objections, nor tell us when a decision will be made in future.

Democracy?

Kingston Council rejected three plans, and 8,000 objections were received! Yet Kingswood still goes to the Planning Minister.

Democracy?

AustralianSuper is harming the environment by relentless applications to destroy trees, no undertaking to save the wildlife and their plans which will cause even greater flooding in Dingley Village. Their recent CEO Ian Silk said harming the environment is not only bad for business, its illegal.

More here: www.savedingley.com

Kevin Poulter - President, Save Kingswood Group inc.

To the Editor

If you told me twelve months ago that I would be running for the State election this year, I would have laughed. Having been in business all my life, I never had the inclination to enter politics.

That said, over the last two years, the lack of a transparent process from the State Government during the COVID pandemic and the world record lockdowns drove me to consider standing against the Andrews Government, which ultimately led me to stand for the State seat of Clarinda for the Liberal Party. Since endorsement, I have connected with the community to discuss local issues within Clarinda (Dingley, Heatherton, Clarinda, Moorabbin and parts of Mentone &

Clayton). It is clear that this same lack of transparent process and lack of community consultation extends to the issues in Clarinda, including the Suburban Rail Loop across the South-East, the Train Marshalling Yards slated to be built on protected green wedge space in Heatherton, the Level Crossing Removals in Parkdale and of course the decision to over-ride the Kingston Councils' ruling to reject the plans by Australian Super to build more than 800 units on the Kingswood Golf Course.

The Kingswood Golf Course itself is obviously close to the heart of the Dingley community. This over development does not fit within the area, will add to traffic and infrastructure congestion, will impact green space, wildlife and may also increase the risk of flooding.

I am not against development but it needs to be balanced against infrastructure needs of the community such as schooling, roads and sporting facilities. It needs to fit within the existing local area and it needs to be done in a transparent way with consultation and input from local residents. As it stands, this is not the case. Everything I have raised may benefit people that are outside of Dingley, Heatherton and Clarinda through their super returns or train access BUT there is not the same pay back to local residents of Clarinda. This is just not fair.

Win, lose or draw at the next State election, I will focus my time fighting for the local residents of Clarinda interests and rights. And if elected, I will then have the platform to continue the battle. The Kingswood Golf Course development will be one of these, along with moving the Train Stabling Yards, investment in recreational and sporting facilities, support for small business and achieving better outcomes from infrastructure investment.

Please reach out to me with any concerns or issues you have and also follow my Facebook page as we continue to highlight these local issues.

Regards,

Anthony Richardson - Liberal For Clarinda

FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

The Friends Of Braeside Park

Des Lucas, Ranger Team Leader, Sandbelt Parklands, and long-time Braeside Park Ranger Digger are retiring. Rangers, Andrew and Kelly, departed a couple of months previously. Yes that's right the full quota of Braeside Park Rangers has either transferred or retire by May, 2022.

Des and Digger have been at Braeside Park for over thirty years each and their replacements will have big boots to fill. As Parks Victoria Rangers, they have actively organised and supported the Friends' Group to transform Braeside Park from a Metropolitan Sewerage Farm into today's unique indigenous park. Arriving in the 1990s, Digger as the name suggests helped build the Visitors' Centre, the wetland and nest boxes, and create trails throughout the Park. Des, always enthusiastic supporter of The Friends' volunteers, encouraged the

procuring of grants to start the Community Indigenous Nursery which propagated thousands of plants to transform the sewerage farm into today's Park.

Des inspired and lead the Friends' community planting days, guided tours, nocturnal walks, bird, frog, rabbit and insect surveys and attended after work hours' Committee Meeting.

His knowledge of the Park and especially Phar Laps' short but illustrious sojourn, is vast and makes the Annual Mystery Walks so memorable. Sadly, this April walk will be the last.

The Friends of Braeside Park wish both Digger and Des the very best in retirement and thank them for a job well. Braeside Park is memorial to their commitment, dedication, inspiration, and sheer doggedness.

Judith Sise - President





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Food Allergies



Food Allergy Week, (22–28 May), aims to raise awareness of food allergy including potentially fatal food allergies. Australia has one of the highest incidences of food allergy in the world and this is increasing at an alarming rate.

With no known cure for food allergy, awareness and education are most important, as an allergic reaction can quickly become life threatening. A severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) must be treated as a medical emergency.

It's important for Australians to be aware of food allergies, know the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction and know how to respond in an emergency.

What is a food allergy?

Food allergy is an immune system reaction that occurs soon after eating a certain food. Even a tiny amount of the allergy-causing food can trigger signs and symptoms in some people, a food allergy can cause severe symptoms or even a life-threatening reaction known as anaphylaxis.

Signs and Symptoms

The most common food allergy signs and symptoms include:

- Tingling or itching in the mouth
- Hives, itching or eczema
- Swelling of the lips, face, tongue and throat or other parts of the body
- Wheezing, nasal congestion or trouble breathing
- Abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness, light-headedness or fainting

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

- Constriction and tightening of the airways
- A swollen throat or the sensation of a lump in your throat that makes it difficult to breathe
- Shock with a severe drop in blood pressure
- Rapid pulse
- Dizziness, light-headedness or loss of consciousness



- With one in 10 children developing an allergy before their first birthday, Australia has one of the highest rates of food allergies in the world.
- For many, managing severe allergies doesn't stop when you grow up. Individuals in their teens and 20's are at the greatest risk of an allergic reaction.
- Over half a million Aussies have a diagnosed food allergy and research shows this number is growing.
- Whilst 90% of food allergic reactions are caused by 10 foods, there are more than 170 foods known to be triggers. Bananas, kiwi fruit, mustard and celery just to name a few!
- Do you know the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction? It's surprising how many Aussies don't.
- We've all been guilty of a self-diagnosis on the Internet. But if you suspect you have a food allergy, it's important to consult your general practitioner (GP).
- Do you have a family or friend with a food allergy? Make sure you know when and how to administer their adrenaline (epinephrine) autoinjector.
- Be careful, not fearful. Allergies can be life threatening but there are a number of strategies you can put in place to help reduce the risk of a reaction. Learn how to manage your allergy.

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Everyday you make decisions which affect your finances. Take those decisions seriously!

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There is a lot happening in the Community Precinct, 31 Marcus Road.

Dingley Dingoes are back playing on Souter Oval and looking forward to a great season.

Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre

The Neighbourhood Centre is busy planning their temporary relocation in September but are still offering activities and services.

Ever wanted to give Pilates a try?

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The Centre also offers Zumba Gold a low impact dance fitness class suitable for all ages and fitness levels in the hall Thursdays 9.30 am – 10.30 am. Want something gentler, how about Seniors Body and Balance. Thursdays 11am – 12 noon.

Dingley Writers group meets at the Centre on Tuesdays 10am, beginners and experienced writers' welcome.



Dingley Village Library

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

All open branches will offer Click & Collect, computer sessions, photocopier/print service, and Home Library Service.

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WRITERS CORNER



How we met

My friend suggested that I buy a metal detector and scour the world for gold. She pointed me in the direction of some good locations in country Victoria, nuggets just waiting to be unhitched from their earthly homes. I tried it for a bit but seemed to be devoid of one of the key assets of successful wannabe treasure hunters, patience.

I packed Inspector Clouseau (my name for the rusty, trusty, second hand detector) away in the back shed after unsuccessful visits to Maryborough, Castlemaine and even the Buckland Valley. Well not totally unsuccessful, when I think about it now. I did find a number of soldier's brass buttons, some hand-made fishhooks and a few zippers. I enjoyed Suzie's company and nights under the stars, that was a major bonus.

I hadn't thought much about Clouseau; he was hidden under a clump of garden tools and fishing lines up against the old fridge in the shed. But he had another chance to prove his worth. Suzie had rung out of the blue and asked if I wanted to join her on the beach at Mordialloc late one night and bring a few beers and Clouseau.

We might get lucky, she said.

I thought what the heck and we met at the assigned time just near the Mordy pier. It had been a hot day and the last few stragglers were starting to leave the sand, a south westerly had announced itself. Geared up we headed down-sand, as Suzie called it.

She said we should work together and by that she meant sweeping the sands in a set pattern, me one step and forty-five degrees to her aft. I didn't look at the sand very much as I was waved my

metal seeking friend across its curves and dips. I was focussed more on Suzie to be honest. I had forgotten how much I had enjoyed the short times we had been away together all those years before.

She caught me once looking at her; she smiled and said "... focus on the ground, please." We kept at it for over two hours. I was really enjoying myself, uncertain why a beach that turned up an old can opener, beer caps and a few coins seemed such prizes. I thought that I hadn't progressed much in my skills, but Suzie said they were beauties.

We were exhausted by 10 o'clock or so and sat in the shallows to enjoy a drink from my backpack; it didn't seem to matter that the temperature had dropped by at least fifteen degrees. The water was warm, and we enjoyed letting our heavy legs recover. We spoke about searching for more hidden gems and Suzie then asked if I would like to try a new hunt up in the hills. That sounded like a good idea to me.

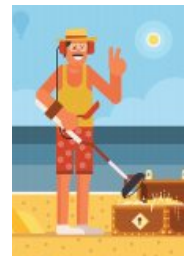
Doesn't time pass.

Suzie and I often take the kids down to Mordialloc. I even made them their very own wooden detectors. Sometimes we throw a treasure or two in their path when they are not looking.

We always share their joy in finding something where you would least expect.

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 other's company. Contact Warren at wasdunc@bigpond.net.au



YOUTH CORNER



Dingley Scouts

Community is very important to Scouting, with many aspects of scouting having a strong community focus. Never is this more evident than on Anzac Day. Members of Dingley Scout Group, from Cubs right through to Rovers and Leaders, attended the local Anzac Dawn Service to pay their respect and remember those that have given so very much for our freedom.

As has been our privilege for many years now, we were also proud to be asked to provide flag bearers from amongst our members. To all members of the group, and their families who attended, and to Ben and Jacinta our flag bearers, we thank you.

The Dingley Scout Hall has once again been selected to be a polling booth for the Federal Election. Our youth will be holding a sausage sizzle on the day as a fund raiser towards upgrading equipment. So please make sure you come and say hi and grab



a sausage or two while you are there. And lastly, Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, carers and mother figures out there. Hoping you have wonderful day.

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

Joey's 5 - 7yrs - Please contact our Group Leader below
Cubs 8 - 10yrs - Monday 6:45pm - 8:15pm
Scouts 11 - 14yrs - Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm
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Rovers 18 - 26yrs - Monday 7:30pm - 10:00pm

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





Dingley Junior Football Club



Players Corner

On receiving and reading this latest edition of news aligned to the Dingley Junior Football Club, all of our Junior teams would have taken the field for the 2022 season.

What a relief that we can move forward once again and enjoy seeing our local players playing their chosen sport for their local club. Many of our teams have tasted success over the last few weeks which gives us another opportunity in this month's edition to introduce some of our more seasoned players within our club.

In this edition we have interviewed players within the Under 10's and Under 11's by placing them under the microscope to see what makes them tick and what they enjoy about their football journey to date.

First Name: Austin
Nickname: Ozzy
Age and team: 10 years old – Under 10's Dingoes
Favourite AFL team: North Melbourne
Favourite AFL player: Nick Larkey (Souva)
Lucky food before game day: Spaghetti Bolognese
Best football junior memory: Kicking 2 goals in the Lightening Carinal 2002.
Parent's involvement with the club: Dad's Assistant Coach.



First Name: Zachary
Nickname: Zac
Age and team: 9 - Under 10's Dingoes
Favourite AFL team: Collingwood
Favourite AFL player: Steele Sidebottom (we both wear 22)
Lucky food before game day: Green apples
Best football junior memory: My first game when my whole family came to watch.
Parent's involvement with the club: Head Coach of the Under 10's.



First Name: Flynn
Nickname: Flynny
Age and team: Aged 9 - Under 10's Dingoes
Favourite AFL team: Richmond
Favourite AFL player: Dustin Martin
Lucky food before game day: Pancakes
Best football junior memory: Playing my first game last year and running out on the field with all of my mates.
Parent's involvement with the club: My mum is the Team Manager.



First Name: Riley
Nickname: Hanhzie
Age and team: 11 years old and in the Under 11's
Favourite AFL team: St. Kilda
Favourite AFL player: Jack Steele
Lucky food before game day: Spaghetti and Meatballs the night before.
Best football junior memory: Kicking a goal from the boundary line during the Lightning Carnival when I was 8.
Parent's involvement with the club: Under 11's Coach.



First Name: Lenny
Nickname: The Driver
Age and team: Dingley Dingoes Under 11'2
Favourite AFL team: Hawthorn
Favourite AFL player: Jack Gunston
Lucky food before game day: Bacon & Eggs
Best football junior memory: Kicking a goal for the other team.
Parent's involvement with the club: Dad coached me in Under 8 – 10's & Assistant Coach Under 11's.



WE WANT YOU to play with the Dingley Junior Football Club

As reminder registrations are still open for ages Under 8 – 13 and our Girls Under 16 team. For more information email – admin@djfc.org.au.

Juniors – You must be 7 by April 30th, 2022. Auskick – you must turn 5 in 2022. Join us on Facebook – Dingley Junior Football Club and Instagram – dingley_juniorfc.

AUSKICK

Auskick has commenced with the 1st session held on Friday, 22 April 2022 at 6pm – 7.30pm at our NEW facilities Chadwick Reserve, Howard Road, Dingley.

****IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN THE FUN****

We were privileged to have Jack Crisp (AFL – Collingwood) and Max Lynch (AFL – Hawthorn) in attendance. Check out the photos on our Facebook accounts for Juniors and Auskick.

Next edition – meet some of our Under 12 and Under 13 players.

Michael Moran – Secretary of DJFC



Dingley Football Netball Club



"After another strenuous preseason preparation, which included two successful practice match hit outs against Chelsea and St Bedes Old Collegians, the Senior football season opened with two games against two sides who we had not seen since 2021 due to Covid cancellations.

With a team missing many regulars and some highly regarded new recruits, the trip to Weatherall Rd to meet Cheltenham was our first appointment. It would have been a rash punter who was prepared to predict this result, as there were many 'unknowns' about our own strength and that of the opposition.

The result was a very satisfactory 26 point win, 12-9-81 to 7-13-55; a perfect start to the season all things considered. A pleasing aspect of the win was the continued mature performances of so any of our young brigade, with the likes of Goldsmith, Peacock, the Lamble boys, and McKinley outstanding.

I've mentioned continually over time, that the club's philosophy is to promote youngsters at every opportunity, especially those coming through our junior program and the development of these young players is a testament to that policy.



Depleted Reserves and Thirds side couldn't find enough goals, and both went down by three goals. As playing lists replenish, the club is confident of successful years in those lower grades.

In Round Two, we played host to Port Melbourne Colts. The Reserves opened their season's account with a convincing ten goal win. Port Colts play a fast attacking brand of physical football and they who were smarting after a first game loss to St Kilda City. Port Colts were quick out of the blocks and jumped our boys, kicking the first two goals against a four goal breeze. Despite taking time to get going the locals eventually took a two point margin into half time.

From there the floodgates opened as the forward line clicked into gear. Lead by veterans Mullen, Van Unen and Farmer, an eight goal to eight point third quarter virtually snuffed out Port's chances, 16-13-109 to 12-15-87.

Walmsley, Peet, Dickie, Mullen, Peacock, and Lamble were terrific in a very fiery affair which kept the medical staff busy all day. Despite injury concerns, two wins from two outings is as good as it gets as the season goes into Easter at the time of this report. Next home games are against St Kilda City [April 30], Cranbourne [May 7] and Bentleigh [May 21]. We'd love to see big crowds at these games, watching real footy, not the fluff seen on TV.

Go Dingoes!"



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Dingley Primary School



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Dingley Primary School students participated in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 18th March. The key message of the day was 'Kindness Culture: It begins with you!'

The school community took action against bullying and violence by wearing a splash of orange. Each home group also took part in sessions which focused on developing an understanding of what bullying is, what to do if you are being bullied and how to help others if they are being bullied.

2022 Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our Cross Country event on Friday, 25th March. The weather was ideal for running and everyone who stepped up to the starting line did their best to complete the event. Thank you to all those who assisted on the day. We wish all of the students who are competing at District Cross Country the best of luck.

PLAY Leaders

During Term 1, a group of Year 5 students completed the training required to become certified PLAY leaders. They spent the day learning about how to involve others in games and deciding on suitable games that would be fun and safe for our younger students to enjoy playing at lunch time. Our lucky Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students are now able to join in some terrific activities and games run by the PLAY leaders each day.

Easter Hat Parade

The annual Easter Hat Parade returned bigger and better than ever on Wednesday, 6th April. There was a terrific atmosphere as students and staff paraded in their creative hats of all colours, shapes and sizes and lucky raffle winners took home hampers of Easter treats. Thank you to all those who helped make this event such a huge success.



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

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

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CIRCLING THE CLUBS



Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

We hope that you have all been enjoying this lovely Autumn weather and also that you had a nice Easter break.

Forthcoming activities are as follows:

- 2nd of May – will be Bingo.
- 9th of May – Games and Cards.
- 16th of May – Bingo.
- 18th of May (a Wednesday) – our Bus Trip to Yarragon. Bookings for this trip are necessary.
- 23rd of May – Games and Cards.
- 30th of May – Social Event – to be followed by afternoon tea.

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 on a Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the new Dingley Village Hall.

Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

We have been slowly emerging from the COVID restrictions and members have attended functions at our local night spots where the entertainers have been in good form and the dance floors are open once again. A couple of members enjoyed a great mid-week luncheon at the Hastings Hotel and agreed it was well worth the drive.

From May our gatherings at the Sports Bar of the Dingley International Hotel will be held only on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Starting time is 7.00 PM and meals and snacks are available if you want to make a night of it. Of course, you have the usual wide choice of beverages being dispensed to stave off dehydration.

It is intended to arrange a dinner at local restaurants on the last Saturday of each month. Advice of the venues will be made at the Thursday gatherings and to facilitate bookings you can indicate which particular events you wish to attend. 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**.

Country Women's Association Dingley Village



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The Mother's Day stall was held at Woolworths Dingley on Friday 29th April - thank you to all those who supported us. We are now preparing for our "Winter Warmers" stall to be held June/July, more details soon.

Our next Craft Meeting will be held on 11th May April at the home of a member and our next Business Meeting will take place on 25th May 2022 at the Dingley Village Community Centre.

Craft meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and Business meetings on the fourth Wednesday. In 2022 our meetings will be subject to Covid guidelines. New members will be made very welcome, if you would like 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**.

Probus Club Dingley Central



At our April meeting Adrian Dickens, a jewellery historian and personal jeweller, was our guest speaker. His talk titled "The Jewels of Camelot" traced the history of Jackie Kennedy/Onassis and the jewels she wore. Perhaps surprisingly, Jackie was not afraid to wear imitation or costume jewellery, often replicas of her genuine pieces.

Our speaker projected images of Jackie, followed by a closeup of the jewellery she was wearing, and gave a description of its origins.

Although JFK was not as forthcoming with his jewellery gifts, Ari Onassis generously gave Jackie many hand crafted bracelets and necklaces. Activities planned for May: Happy hour, MTC, Legs and Morning Coffee, iPad group, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, 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 always welcome. For further information please contact Jean on **0438 272 232**.

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.

Cheltenham Life Activities Club

The Cheltenham LAC has emerged from the Covid lockdowns, much the same as every other volunteer organisation, frustrated by the various permutations of hand sanitation, masks On and Off, QR code check-ins and the effect it has had on our third-party hall-hirers.

The committee had no choice, but to shut down operations at our Follett Road Hall, for an indefinite period, but we are back and as a way of saying thank you to our loyal members, the committee recently hosted a free luncheon, for those who remained financial members.

Nearly 50 members lunched of a selection of club sandwiches, sushi, cheeses, and array of delicious sweets. The MC for our 'get-together' was one of our new committee members Suzanne Esmonde. Once formalities and a big 'Welcome Back' was expressed, it was time to draw the first of over 40 door

prizes (mostly donated), on the day. LAC Life Member (and soon to celebrating her 100th birthday) Edith Wood, drew the major first prize of a \$50 shopping voucher and the lucky winner was Peter Wilson – Well done Peter!

It was a joy to see everyone in the flesh again – our walkers, table tennis players, scrabble devotees, just to name a few. Our committee is strong, but always on the lookout for 'new blood,' so if you think you'd like to give us a try, or join in a club activity, with like-minded people, simply contact our Membership secretary Linda Charing on **9645 2096**.

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.

Burden Park Bowls Club



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 will 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 cannot go past.

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6. In the summer we play competitive pennant, and in the winter, we play social bowls.

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

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.

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.

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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

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

Easter Services: 10 am Good Friday & 10am Easter Sunday.

Young Marrieds – Matched, Hitched & Hatched

At Kingston City Church we strongly value and support our young families, especially for couples to have wonderful marriages and to parent well. The purpose of this vibrant group – Young Marrieds – is to help young couples to navigate successfully through the life-stages of engagement, marriage and early parenthood.

Our heart is to support couples going through these life-stages, encouraging and helping them to be God-centred as spouses and parents so that they can enjoy love-filled, healthy marriages and happy families. This will provide their children with strong foundations for life.

Couples in this group are at exciting times in their lives.

Some are recently engaged and planning weddings, or are in the first few years of married life together, while others are starting to have children and are beginning to see new family dynamics unfold while learning how best to parent and realising that this can be challenging and also needs to change as your children grow.

Meeting fortnightly on Tuesday evenings, the group enjoys fellowship and Scripture-based learning, as well as Spirit-led insights, guidance, prayer and support. There is a natural emphasis on

marriage, parenting and raising families. Within a safe environment, couples discuss and share about pertinent issues, and support each other to deal with relationship, parenting and work challenges, as well as life generally.

If you are interested in being a part of this awesome group, please feel free to contact our church office.

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.heathertondingleyua.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**.

Sing-Along Oklahoma

Saturday, 14th May at 1.30 p.m. Come along and sing along to all the favourite songs from this musical. Cost is \$10 which includes afternoon tea.

For catering purposes please RSVP to Bob on **0418 998 714**.

Bark & Chat

This group will meet on Saturday, 21st May to participate in the 100 Paws walk. The walk will be held around the church area and money donated will support the RSPCA.

Further info: Margaret **0401 392 772**.

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 May is as follows:

Sundays

10.00 a.m. Worship Service at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via livestream through <https://www.villagechurch.org.au>. *Kids Church at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough – 10.30am for 4-year old's through to Grade 6 until in person gatherings resume. All welcome. Contact office for Zoom link.

Prayer Time

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard.
Monthly - Saturday 21st May; 9-10am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and Monday, 23rd May 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom link. Contact office for links.

Bible Study

*Women's –Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Thursdays fortnightly at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, 10-11.30am and 2.30-4pm via Zoom, 5th & 19th May. Contact office for Zoom link. *Not held during school holidays.

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.

Christ Church Dingley



387 Old Dandenong Road,
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9551 7871. Web: www.ccd.org.au

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

Sunday Services

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. www.ccd.org.au
(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.

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Church Office:

For all enquiries contact the office:
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admin@ccd.org.au

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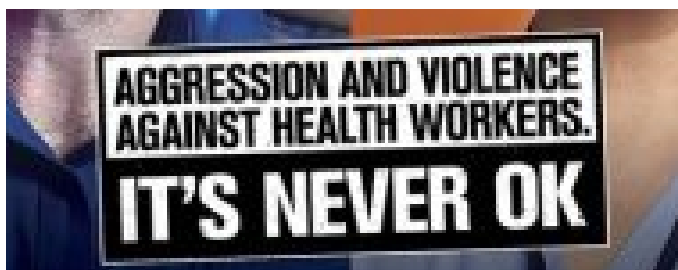
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