



# THE DINGLEY DOSSIER

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## HEALTHY PARKS HEALTHY PEOPLE

Healthy Parks Healthy People is a global movement which is helping communities around the world realise the health and wellbeing benefits of spending time in parks and nature. Our aim is to unlock the power of nature and parks for their preventative and restorative health and wellbeing benefits, while conserving biodiversity.

Growing scientific evidence and generations of traditional knowledge show that spending time in nature is good for our mind, body and soul. Community groups, schools, governments, health authorities and recreational organisations worldwide are tapping into the healing power of nature. Did you know that viewing natural scenes lowers blood pressure, reduces stress and boosts wellbeing, put simply, nature is good for you!

Dingley Village is lucky to have Braeside Park on our doorstep, a 310-hectare metropolitan, recreational and conservation park managed by Parks Victoria. As you stroll through the park's Red Gum grassy woodlands, heathland and around the wetlands, it's easy to forget you're surrounded by the suburbs.

This is a great park for a family day out. Cook up a feast on one of the free electric barbecues or enjoy a picnic on the lawn. Kids of all ages will love exploring the adventure playground. Modules are included for junior kids and disabled access, as well as older children.

Braeside Park offers a variety of educational and recreational opportunities. It protects significant environmental and cultural

heritage, from Aboriginal occupation to European settlement. Muralled art walls depict the flora, fauna and cultural heritage of the area. Tree stump art carvings of local celebrities line Cypress Drive.

Wander through the interactive community garden. Get active and walk, jog or cycle along the multi-purpose trails. Walk where Phar Lap's hooves pounded the turf along the historic race course trail. Stroll through the park's Red Gum grassy woodlands, heathland and around the wetlands. A series of complex and valuable environmental communities find their home here. Discover the diverse range of bird life, listen for frogs or search for an echidna.

Get involved in activities such as propagation, planting days, bird watching, water quality monitoring and the community garden with community groups including the Friends of Braeside Park, the Dingley Village Men's Shed and the Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre.

Why not go for a walk today and check out what Braeside Park has to offer.

For more information check online [www.parks.vic.gov.au](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au) or call **13 19 63**.

Information in this article provided by Parks Victoria March 2023



### FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL | 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 and the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia.

# COMMUNITY

## LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

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1800 015 188

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8512 0505

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dvcasecretary@gmail.com**Men's Shed:**

9551 5892

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**RSPCA:**

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You can pick up copies of the Dingley Dossier from the Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village Newsagents and Woolworths Dingley Village. We also have a colour version online [www.dvnc.com.au/dossier](http://www.dvnc.com.au/dossier)

**ANZAC Day Dawn Service**

The Rotary Club Noble Park – Dingley in conjunction with Springvale Sub Branch RSL invite you to attend their ANZAC Day Commemoration Services at the Dingley Village Memorial. A Dawn Service on ANZAC Day 25th April will commence at 5.45am. Due to Anzac Day falling during the school holidays, the Community Service will not be held this year and you are invited to attend the dawn service.

**We Need You**

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre is an essential part of the community, providing vital services and support to those who need it most. As a community-run centre, we rely on the support and dedication of volunteers to ensure that we can continue to offer the services that are so critical to our community. We are particularly interested in individuals with a background in accounting, legal, or marketing, as these skills will be invaluable in helping us to continue to grow and evolve as an organisation. As a board member, you will have the opportunity to work alongside a dedicated team of individuals who are passionate about making a difference in our community. You will be involved in decision-making processes, strategic planning, and will play a crucial role in shaping the future of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. By joining our board, you will have the chance to make a real impact on the lives of those in our community. Whether it's through your expertise in accounting, legal, or marketing, or simply through your dedication and commitment to our community, your contributions will be valued and appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, we encourage you to get in touch with us today. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those who call Dingley Village home. Rob – Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre President Please contact, myself or the Centre Manager:

Rob Guerra: Rob.Guerra1@gmail.com | Trudy Pritchard: manager@dvnc.com.au

**Be alarmed! Change your smoke alarm battery**

The end of daylight saving is a good time to change the batteries on your smoke alarms in your home. Working smoke alarms provide vital early warning in the event of a fire. When people are asleep, they can't smell smoke.

**Do you like to play cards?**

We are a friendly group of seniors who belong to the Kingston U3A and meet at the Kingston Hub in Venice Street Mentone every Tuesday to play various card games and rummy tiles. Suggestions for other games are always welcome. We start at 10am and finish at 3pm, lunch (BYO) is from 12 until 1pm. We provide tea, coffee and biscuits for \$2 per day. Kingston Council provides transport from your home to The Hub at a nominal cost once you are registered with them. We have a walking group on Wednesday morning, during which we enjoy coffee and a chat. We also arrange a monthly lunch at various local restaurants. If you are interested, please come along and join us, new members are always welcome. Membership in U3A Kingston is essential. Contact Shirley on 0439 142 143 or Heather on 0408 036 247.

**Dingley Dossier deliverer required**

We desperately need someone to deliver the Dingley Dossier, the round is 450 Dossiers split between Springvale South (Westall bypass end) and Keysborough South (behind Haileybury College) If you like to walk and get paid for it as well, please contact us. Adolescents over 15 years old welcome to apply. Ph 8512 0505.

**Special Dates in April****Ramadan – Islam 22 March - 20 April**

Ramadan is the most auspicious month in the Islamic Calendar, being the month, the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. During Ramadan, Muslims around the world fast from sunrise to sunset.

**Palm Sunday 2 April**

The final Sunday before Easter Sunday marks the beginning of Christian Holy Week.

**Passover 5 - 13 April**

Passover is the first and most significant of the Jewish pilgrim festivals. It celebrates the redemption by God of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Work is not permitted on the first two and last two days. Many Jews refrain from work during the whole festival.

**Good Friday 7 April**

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and is a day of mourning for Christians. It is a very important day in church calendars, as the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus are central events in Christian beliefs.

**Easter Sunday 9 April**

Easter Sunday commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ following his death by crucifixion. It is the most significant event in the Christian calendar and celebrated with special church services, music, candlelight, flowers and the ringing of church bells.

**Ridvan 20 April - 2 May**

Ridvan is the most significant festival of the Baha'i faith and is celebrated over 12 days. The First Day of Ridvan is the most important of the Baha'i Holy Days. It is the day Baha'u'llah declared his mission as a messenger of God in the Garden of Ridvan. The festival's first, ninth and twelfth days are considered significant days and work is suspended.

**Eid al Fitr 21 - 22 April**

The Islamic month of fasting, Ramadan, ends with the festival of Eid al Fitr. A celebratory meal breaks the fast, and good deeds have special significance during this time. Eid is also a time of forgiveness and making amends.

**ANZAC Day 25 April**

Anzac Day is one of Australia's most important commemorations. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand (ANZAC) forces during the First World War (1914-18) at Gallipoli. Dawn services at war memorials honour the sacrifice of those who died in the war.



# FARMERS MARKET



**OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 15TH APRIL**



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

At their heart, farmers' markets are a place for food producers and consumers to connect directly in the buying and selling process. Our farmers' market gives you a chance to meet the person who grew or made your food.

Why not start your day with breakfast at the market. Check out fresh and tasty egg and bacon roll from Mamma Linh, a delicious croissant from Delice Royale and coffee from Full Blast. If you enjoy a leisurely lie in on Saturday or busy with childrens activities, there us still plenty to tempt your taste buds as well a stocking up your pantry.

Bring mum along and join us at 11am for a pre mothers day morning tea. Nibble on Anja's Scones, Regnier Cakes with their Champagne Lamingtons, OMG doughnut's, Cinnamon Scrolls, Eat Freely cakes, A+G biscuits , whilst enjoying the live music. Lunch is taken care of with lots to tempt your taste buds including Ummu Gozleme and Mama Linh. Pop into Umma Gozleme and taste their delicious authentic Turkish delight, it will change your mind if you are not a lover of Turkish delight.

Don't forget take home dinner with Nicks Gnocchi Pasta, Morrabool River Beef and Limestone free range meat, plus a range of fruit and veggies. Of course there is also jams, spreads, spices, sweets, cheeses and more at the market so call in and support Victorian farmers and producers.



DingleyVillageFarmersMarket

Check out our Facebook page on the Friday prior to each 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.



**Fresh, local foods:** The fruits and vegetables are picked at the peak of their growing season, meaning this produce is the freshest and the tastiest available.

**Seasonal treats:** By shopping at farmers' markets, you get to find the truest flavours of the season and connect with the growing season where you live.

**Know where your food comes from:** You can also learn some great tips and recipes from farmers and fellow patrons. Shopping is more social. Farmers markets are a great way to bring communities together. Meet friends there, or have a day out with the family.

**DINGLEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SATURDAY**  
**15th April**  
**8.30AM—1 PM**  
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**Dingley Village Police Update**

**CRIME STOPPERS** (1800 333 000)  
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### Have you ever looked at a police officer on patrol and wondered what all that gear was?

The officers you see out and about are our general duties officers, who play a vital role in engaging with and protecting their communities – meaning no two days are ever the same.

Our general duties officers wear a specially designed uniform and carry a wide range of equipment, including items such as their police badge, a radio, handcuffs, and a daybook.

Want to know more about general duties policing?  
<https://www.police.vic.gov.au/police-roles-duties...>

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

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## Chadwick Reserve Dog Park Development

Good to see work starting at Chadwick Reserve, with the construction of a 3000 square metre enclosed Dog Park.

The new Dog Park includes some great stuff for dogs and their owners. Dingley dogs will be able to test their skills on dog agility equipment and the littlies will enjoy a separate area away from the big dogs.

The park will be fenced and gated and fully landscaped, with benches, shade and shelters and other facilities, including a new car park. It is scheduled for completion in June.



## Dog Exercise Facilities - Dingley Village

The new Chadwick Reserve Dog Park will be an excellent addition to our village's dog parks / off-leash areas, which currently are Spring Road Reserve - 241 Spring Rd

**Dingley Village:** - off-leash dog park with small, enclosed area.

**Swallow Park Reserve** - Wheatland Crescent Dingley Village: - off-leash area in park, unfenced.

**Doggy Day Park** - 217 Kingston Rd Heatherton: - privately operated dog play park (with membership charge) - fully fenced with play facilities.

**Kingston Heath** - 149 Farm Rd Cheltenham: - off-leash area in park - unfenced, with dog agility equipment.

## Mona's Crossing, Centre Dandenong Road - Update

DVCA has been advised that work on the pedestrian road refuge (opposite Mona's Bakery), assisting residents to access health providers on the south side of Centre Dandenong Road, is now scheduled to be completed by late May.

## Graffiti - Let's All Help Keep Our Village Looking Good

Our village is a special place to live, with attractive streets, houses and gardens and we wish to keep it that way. So, when you see graffiti in our village, please report this ASAP so that it can be removed as quickly as possible.

### To Report Graffiti Quickly - Use Snap Send Solve

How do you use the Snap Send Solve app?

Download a free Snap Send Solve App onto your mobile phone. After installing the app on your phone, to send a report you simply.

1. Confirm your location.
2. Select the Incident Type.
3. Take a photo of the issue.
4. Fill out notes and any additional fields.
5. Send report and help keep Dingley Village graffiti free!

## DVCA

DVCA is actively seeking new enthusiastic members to join and help keep our village a great place to live and work in.

Membership is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village.

Meetings are held in DVNC Cottage Room adjacent to the library, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7:30pm.

New members are most welcome to attend. For further information please contact David (Secretary) at [dvcasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dvcasecretary@gmail.com), or visit [www.dvca.info](http://www.dvca.info).



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# OUR COUNCIL

## New Planning Zones in Kingston (Amendment C203)



We're now in the last stages of the long process before the final decision rests with the Victorian Government via Planning Scheme Amendment C203.

New planning Zones and updated rules for Kingston (Amendment C203) went to independent planning panel for assessment on 27th March and is anticipated to run for up to ten days.

## What does Amendment C203 propose?

The amendment proposes to replace existing residential zones with new residential zones across most of Kingston, and new or amended overlays in some areas. The amendment also proposes changes to planning policy. The details of the proposed new zones, overlays and policy can be found in the document library or via this external webpage [www.delwp.vic.gov.au/public-inspection](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/public-inspection). We've been working alongside our community over several years to develop these new planning rules and we are now in the pointy end of the process.

Our most recent consultation period (late last year) attracted more than 500 submissions presenting a variety of divergent views highlighted the importance of getting this right. Community members who made a submission regarding this important city shaping amendment were encouraged to present their views to the planning panel to ensure their feedback and experiences are properly considered in the process.

Only registered formal submitters were invited to present to the panel who met at our Cheltenham Offices in late March. C203 updates local planning policy and existing planning controls to reflect the objectives, directions and actions of our adopted Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study.

As the formal framework for housing over the next 20 years, it includes priorities needed to make housing more affordable, diverse environmentally sustainable and matched to the changing needs of our community.

The amendment includes new format residential zones and overlays, as required by the State Government, that will direct key issues including building heights, setbacks, and landscaping in local streets and neighbourhoods.

## Next steps

Following the Hearing, the amendment, including the panel report, will be considered at a Council meeting. Council has three options to either adopt the amendment; adopt the amendment with changes or abandon the amendment. If Council adopts the amendment (with or without changes), it will be submitted to the Minister for Planning who is responsible for the final decision. Find out more: [kingstonyoursay.com.au/c203](http://kingstonyoursay.com.au/c203)

## Aviation trailblazer is Kingston's 2023 Woman of the Year

Aviation industry trailblazer and staunch advocate Adrienne Fleming OAM is the 2023 Kingston Woman of the Year. Adrienne accepted the coveted award from Kingston Mayor Hadi Saab at the annual International Women's Day (IWD) event at Kingston City Hall, which was hosted and led by Kingston's female councillors and senior staff.

Cr Saab praised the remarkable work of all 38 of this year's nominees. "These awards highlight the outstanding contribution that women make to Kingston's industry, community, and society. All the nominees are leaders in their field, who inspire others and who make a difference to our community through their exceptional professional or personal achievements," Cr Saab said.

The annual event, now in its fifth year, celebrates the remarkable contribution of women across all walks of our society and commitment to the IWD theme of #EmbraceEquity, with this year's campaign focused on achieving gender equity and a truly inclusive world.

With such a strong group of nominees, award winners were also honoured across four categories: Courageous Commitment, Excelling in Art & Sport, Inspiring Innovation, Success in STEM. To find out more about our winners and all the nominees, visit [www.kingston.vic.gov.au/women-of-the-year](http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/women-of-the-year).

## 2023 Kingston Woman of the Year: Adrienne Fleming

Adrienne was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for service to aviation in 2016. She was appointed by the Deputy Prime Minister to the Future of Aviation Reference Panel and is currently a board member of both the Regional Aviation Association of Australia and the AMDA Foundation, with over 30 years of experience in the industry.



*Women of the Year Winners - Aunty Katrina Amon (Courageous Commitment), Michelle Kornberg (Inspiring Innovation), Adrienne Fleming OAM (Woman of the Year), and Jess McKenna (Excelling in Art and Sport) were among the big winners in this year's Kingston Women of the Year Awards. Absent: Harini Karthikeyan (Success in STEM).*

Adrienne's leadership roles have also extended to a broad range of both aviation-related and community not-for-profit organisations like the Women in Aviation Australian Chapter, Australian Women Pilots' Association, Moorabbin Airport Chamber of Commerce, Monash City Council's Empowering Monash Women Steering Committee and more. Courageous Commitment

- Aunty Katrina Amon.

A proud Quandamooka woman from the Noonuccal tribe, Aunty Katrina has over three decades of experience in the education sector and has been inspiring the community through her leadership and continued commitment to the Aboriginal community.

Aunty co-founded the Derrimut Weelam Gathering Place, which she has worked in along with the Kingston Koorie Mob and is also the Indigenous Development Manager at the St Kilda Football Club, helping support its Indigenous fraternity and educating the entire club through the enrichment of Indigenous culture.

## Excelling in Art and Sport: Jess McKenna

Jess has played an integral part in the growth and development of the Mordy Flyers Basketball Club. A passionate and exceptional basketballer herself, Jess played for the Melbourne Tigers as a junior and at 17 began volunteering as a coach for the Flyers, a role she continues today.

Jess is a strong advocate for women and girls in sport and enjoys supporting and mentoring them in their basketball development. She also positively contributes to the ongoing recruitment and development of young people.

## Inspiring Innovation: Michelle Kornberg

Michelle has touched many lives through her work as a therapist, educator, and facilitator. She has been a volunteer on the Crisis Support Line, Suicide Help Line and Mens' Line Australia.

In 2011 she developed the Caring Mums Program powered by the National Council of Jewish Women Australia Vic. She has trained over 200 volunteers and matched over 600 mums with a Caring Mum. Since it began, the program has received over 700 referrals for women covering 42 different nationalities. Her passion, understanding and acceptance of differences makes her an inspiring and motivational leader.

## Success in STEM: Harini Karthikeyan

Harini is a Transformational Technology professional with more than two decades of software engineering experience. She has worked across the globe (India, China, UK, and Australia) for global companies such as Igate, Kodak, Carestream, and Telstra and delivered multi- million-dollar programs. Harini now leads the Community of Excellence practice for Telstra and delivers complex IT transformation programs across the globe. She is also the treasurer for STEM Incubators Inc, a charity focused on creating a thriving innovation platform for young Australians by providing them opportunities to learn critical thinking tools

and skills to solve real world problems. Help us prioritise projects for Kingston's draft Walking and Cycling Plan Kingston is improving local walking and cycling and is calling on the community to let us know which projects they want to see brought to life.

Community members are invited to vote on their favourite projects to help shape our city's draft Walking and Cycling Plan 2023-2028. The first round of community consultation held in 2021 led to 40 potential projects, and we are now seeking your input to develop a priority list for the works. Kingston Mayor Hadi Saab said Council was keen to promote cycling and walking across the area and were looking to invest in improvements to make it easier for everyone to get active.

"In 2021, we received over 900 pins on a map and more than 200 survey responses from community members who let us know what changes they'd like to see made to improve their local experience with cycling and walking," Cr Saab said.

"This extensive feedback has created an invaluable database of information about our community's experience walking and cycling around Kingston.

"It has also been considered against upcoming projects, and adopted masterplans and policies, to determine the shortlisted priority projects."

Some of the 40 shortlisted projects include:




- Upgrading the shared user path at Doug Denyer Reserve, between Crown Avenue and Hall Mark Road in Mordialloc, in anticipation of new aquatic and leisure centre.
- Creating a footpath on the north side of Centre Dandenong Road in Heatherton, between Ross Street and Chifley Drive, to create safe pedestrian access for bus passengers.
- Installing a pedestrian crossing at Gladesville Boulevard in Patterson Lakes, from the reserve north of Acacia Crescent, to improve safety.



To view the full list and cast your vote – or to simply have your say on the draft Walking and Cycling Plan 2023-2023, visit [yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/draft-walking-and-cycling-plan](http://yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/draft-walking-and-cycling-plan) before 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023.


"Help us to prioritise walking and cycling projects across Kingston. The feedback we receive from the community will help shape future improvements to local cycling and walking paths set out in our draft Walking and Cycling Plan 2023-2028."


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## Hot Tips For Success in Home Loan Applications

Obtaining a home loan is not something just any person can do. Assessment processes and rules are complex and convoluted, expert advice is recommended, however as a start point here are the "5 C's of Credit" underlying the process at all banks.

**1: Character** - Do you look like a person who will take responsibility in money management and will repay the loan? Your credit file and recent bank transaction accounts will be considered. Banks do not want to lend to those with (perceived or real) bad credit risk.

**Tips:** Do not be in arrears on debts - pay on time (especially credit cards). Do not ever go overdrawn on your savings account or overlimit on your credit card. Do not make multiple enquiries at different places for car or personal loans.

**2: Capacity** - Your ability to pay back the loan from your income. In bank language this is your 'servicing capacity'. Your total income versus total expenses will be considered.

**Tips:** If you work for an employer earning a full-time base wage, that gross is your income. Any variation from base income is subject to different rules at different places, seek advice. Reduce your expenses and avoid any gambling. Car loans and novated leases dramatically reduce your servicing capacity. Every lender has a different calculator, expert advice is essential!

**3: Collateral** - The asset the bank takes as security for the loan. Not all homes are equal! Where a standard residential property is offered as security banks see a loan size up to 80% of the property value as lower risk, over 80% higher risk. This is referred to as the Loan Value Ratio (LVR).

**Tips:** Lower interest rates apply for a lower LVR. Special deals are available for first home buyers. Be aware purchasing other than a 'standard suburban house' may be treated differently.

**4: Capital** - Your existing overall financial position; assets and liabilities. Have you accumulated a reasonable net asset position given your age and income?

**Tips:** Include all your assets on your application. If you have had previous financial disasters whether caused by business loss, divorce, illness or other, let your broker know.

**5: Conditions** - Referencing your own situation and story, as well as economic conditions.

**Tips:** Every person has a story. Your broker needs to know it (the short version, not the full 3-hour film!). Banks will also take into account things outside your control when assessing applications, including general economic conditions and your job classification.

For example those in secure work (such as a full time teacher) will always be assessed more leniently than a casual in a less stable industry with future employment uncertainty.

**Overlaying** - these general '5 C's of credit', lenders are under a legal obligation to only lend to those who can prove they have the ability to repay that loan.

In addition, there are multiple consumer laws and guidelines surrounding 'responsible lending'. We saw much commentary on that coming out of the Royal Commission in 2017!

Mortgage brokers have a unique insight into those variations. Whilst loan officers working directly for one financial institution can only offer guidance into that institution's assessment rules, brokers can help connect you to the lender best fit to serve your needs by shopping around on your behalf.

Many homeowners do not perfectly meet the 5 metrics defined above. That is where a quality broker can assist you in navigation of the process, to assist you in purchasing your dream home. Your past decisions have brought you to where you are today, but they do not necessarily permanently define who you are. Your decisions made today will create your tomorrow.

How can we help you?

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Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am in the Neighbourhood Centre. Need to contact Hannah via Facebook: Dingley Village Playgroup

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Tai Chi helps increase flexibility and balance. Tues 9 - 11 am in the 'Harold Box Hall'. Contact James to book on **0430 570 460**.

## Taekwondo with David

Mon & Thurs 5.30pm -7pm in the 'Harold Box Hall'. If you are interested in joining, contact David to book on # 0439 304 579.

## Children & Adult Art Classes with Lesley:

Children's classes: Mon & Thurs 4.30pm - 6.00pm in the 'Craft room' in the Harold Box Hall.

**Adult classes, Paint & Sip** \*Must be over 18+ to attend. Mon & Thurs 7pm-9pm in the 'Craft room' in the Harold Box Hall. Contact Lesley to book via email [ezfrommelbz@gmail.com](mailto:ezfrommelbz@gmail.com).

## Chatty Café

The Chatty Café Scheme aims to get people chatting to build and encourage social connections within the local community, and to help reduce social isolation and loneliness. Let's keep our community connected! Wed 10am to 12pm in the 'Harold Box Hall in the Foyer'. Free, just some along.

## Reading Rockets with Kellie-Anne

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## Advertisement



## Keep up to date

Stay in touch with what's happening at the former golf course site at Centre Dandenong Road in Dingley Village.

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

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

[dingleyvillage3172.com.au](http://dingleyvillage3172.com.au)

# THE VOICE REFERENDUM

## The Voice referendum: how did we get here and where are we going? Here's what we know.

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Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has confirmed that sometime between August and November this year, the Australian people will go to a referendum for the first time since 1999.

We'll be asked whether we support changing the Constitution to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through the establishment of a representative Voice to inform government and parliamentary decisions.

For many people, following the process leading up to the referendum so far has been confusing. So where are we, and what's ahead?

### Unorthodox and historic

In February, following a meeting of the government's Referendum Working Group, the Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians Julian Leeser claimed the process leading up to this referendum had been "unorthodox", in that it hadn't included a constitutional convention, a parliamentary inquiry or further public consultation. This statement is both right and wrong.

It's right in that the process leading up to this referendum has been unorthodox. But that's because this referendum is historic. It's about recognising the place of First Nations in the Australian Constitution.

This isn't the first time we've attempted this: some may remember the failed attempt made by Prime Minister John Howard in 1999, when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were referred to passingly in a preamble. That was a proposal that involved no consultation with the Australian public or First Nations people.

Leeser is wrong in that, while there is a custom to have a constitutional reform mechanism of some kind prior to a referendum, that hasn't always been the case. A constitutional convention has only been held three times since 1901. So the type of mechanism isn't set. And in contrast to the 1999 attempt, behind the current attempt at recognition sits a world-leading deliberative process that was conducted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

An extraordinary, unorthodox and historic process unfolded across 2016 and 2017. Funded by the government with bipartisan support, 12 regional dialogues with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were held, which culminated in the First Nations Constitutional Convention and the delivery of the Uluru Statement from the Heart in May 2017. That statement was issued directly to the Australian people, asking for constitutional recognition in the form of a First Nations Voice to speak to Parliament on decisions, policies and laws that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This constitutional reform process may be unorthodox, but it's entirely appropriate. This referendum isn't about what form of recognition Australian people want to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but whether they will accept the form of recognition being sought by First Nations. Australia is engaging in an exercise of mutual recognition that offers a

respectful relationship forward for all Australians. But that's not to say there hasn't been formal public consultation, or a parliamentary inquiry. That's where Leeser is also wrong. This is one of the most scrutinised and critiqued proposals ever developed. Since 2010, there have been ten reports on constitutional recognition, many of which engaged in extensive public consultation.

Let's take a look at just a few.

The Referendum Council, which oversaw the regional dialogues, also conducted an extensive public inquiry, including digital and public submissions. This revealed the strongest support (more than 90%) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people having a say when parliament makes laws and policies relating to Indigenous affairs.

In 2018, a joint parliamentary inquiry, chaired by Leeser and Labor Senator Patrick Dodson, looked at the question of constitutional recognition. It received almost 500 public submissions, and undertook hearings. While its terms of reference were wide, the committee concluded, based on its public consultations and inquiries, that the Uluru Statement from the Heart "was a major turning point in the debate", and focused all of its attention on the Voice proposal.

In 2021, the Morrison government's co-design process in relation to the design of a Voice delivered a report on the design of a non-constitutional Voice.

Despite the question of constitutional enshrinement being outside the terms of reference of that body, the final report noted high levels of support for it. Indeed, the Indigenous Law Centre reported that more than 90% of the thousands of public submissions made to that process expressed support for a constitutional First Nations Voice.

### What we know already

There has been a lot of political debate about whether we know enough "detail" about the Voice. There is, unfortunately, a fair amount of confusion about what detail we need to make an informed vote on the constitutional amendment, and what detail should – appropriately – be left for future legislation to determine.

But we do know a lot about what we're going to be voting on. Here's a brief run-down:

the referendum is about recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Nations of Australia, and providing a structural change to our Constitution that gives them a body to speak to Parliament and government in order to improve decisions, policies and laws that affect them. It's about making a practical difference in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

we have seen a draft version of the words that the Australian people are going to be asked to vote on, which was released by the prime minister at Garma in July 2022. The Referendum Working Group and the Constitutional Expert Group has been working on this drafting for a number of months, with publicly available summaries of their advice

- it's not about giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people special rights, but providing them input in the decision-making processes of government and Parliament. This is the type of participation right that articles 18 and 19 the UN Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples (to which Australia is a signatory) guarantees
- it won't have a veto power

- as it doesn't have a veto power, constitutional enshrinement of the Voice is vital to its success. The extensive submissions to the 2020-2021 co-design process explained constitutional enshrinement was the only way the Voice would be set up for success with the stability, independence and authority it needed to shift the political dynamic in Indigenous law and policy. We know legislated and non-legislated bodies have been tried in the past – and failed. So it's not a case where we could legislate the Voice first, because that would be a different beast.
- it won't cede the sovereignty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

There are a lot of other questions out there about the eligibility of individuals to serve on the Voice, the selection of members, the number of members, the cost of the body, and more detail about its operations and accountability. We don't yet have specific answers to these questions – although there are agreed principles that provide a general guide to some of them.

But these aren't details that will be included in the constitutional amendment. They won't be set into the Constitution, unable to be changed. These are details that will need closer consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and within government and parliament, to determine.

They're likely to be subject to change as circumstances change. We are not being asked to vote on these details.

There's nothing sinister about this, and nothing is being "hidden" from us. The detail will be included in legislation to follow the referendum. Just like legislation establishing the High Court, the number and qualifications of judges, and the scope of its jurisdictions was introduced after the Constitution was passed, and has been amended occasionally subsequently.

The legislation that establishes the detail of the Voice will be subject to the ordinary, public and transparent parliamentary processes, to which the government and Parliament are ultimately accountable to the Australian people.

Gabrielle Appleby is a member of the Indigenous Law Centre at UNSW Law & Justice. In 2016-2017 she provided pro bono expert assistance to the Regional Dialogues and the First Nations Constitutional Convention that delivered the Uluru Statement from the Heart. She is a Director of the Centre for Public Integrity.

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# GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL

Learn more about familiar faces from Dingley Village Shopping Centre!



## Meet Josie from Match & Co!

**How long has Match & Co been operating at Dingley Village Shopping Centre?**

We have been running Match & Co for 6 wonderful years now!

**Can you share with us something about your background?**

We are an Italian family-run business here at Match & Co, that's why you will see across the café: 'Italian Influence Melbourne Made'. We develop our Italian menu alongside our incredible chefs, getting feedback from the local community on what they enjoy and making updates every season to keep things fresh.

**How do you feel about your local community of customers in Dingley Village?**

We feel like a big part of the local community at Match & Co! We try and be affiliated with local groups and sporting clubs whenever possible. We love helping them out and being involved with support and fundraising. We always welcome opportunities to help support the local community.

After 6 years we've enjoyed seeing a lot of community growth. We're all getting older, but being part of the Dingley Village life and lifestyle is a big part of why our Match & Co family do what we do.

**What are some of your favourite items on the menu at Match & Co?**

Anything from our famous wood fire pizza range, or our renowned beef burger. For breakfast it would probably be our chilli scramble or baked eggs.

**Do you have any memorable moments that have happened at Match & Co that you can share with us?**

We are very proud of our "Heat & Eat" at-home range. Everything is made here on premises in Dingley Village and we are now stocked in over 270 stores across Melbourne.

**What is something that you are personally passionate about, outside of your work at Match & Co?**

Spending time with our 3 kids aged; 10, 14 and 16. They attend school locally and a lot of our customers have watched them grow-up over the years. I've always been a busy Mum and family life is extremely important!



## Meet Sarah from Dingley Newsagency!

**How long has Dingley Newsagency been operating at Dingley Village Shopping Centre?**

Tony and I have been here over 17 years! We have watched the local community develop. We are, as they say 'a piece of the furniture' now.

**Can you share with us something about your background?**

Originally, I am from China (Shanghai), I came to Australia over 30 years ago now. Before I moved, I studied Civil Engineering and then worked in a big department store where I learnt a lot of my skills in buying and customer service.

**How do you feel about your local community of customers in Dingley Village?**

Dingley Village is a very close community. Our customers are so loyal and kind. Often I say to Tony; "We should have brought a home in the area back when we first started the business", but we are honorary locals now!

**What are some of your favourite brands or products that you stock at Dingley Newsagency?**

I love sourcing our range of scarves. It's all about finding something special that you can't get anywhere else. Also picking inspirational quotes that feature on our range of mugs, plaques and lightboxes.

It's great picking nice messages that people can enjoy in their homes. And candles and soaps of course! Nice smelling things, like our range from Wavertree and London.

**What is something that you are personally passionate about, outside of your work at Dingley Newsagency?**

I love to sing! I also enjoy staying fit, I am part of a gym where I take Pilates and Zumba classes. Tony and I are also big movie lovers and have set up a home theatre to enjoy during our time off.



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## Large Oak Trees from small acorns grow

by Geoff Hergt

This oft quoted phrase stems back hundreds of years to around Old England of the fourteenth century. That's close to one thousand years ago!! Whilst the words are old their application is as applicable today as they were way back when.....

The now well-known and respected Dingley Village Men's Shed (DVMS) began ten years ago with the invaluable assistance of a lady. Sounds somewhat ironic, doesn't it?

This "small acorn" has now grown and developed with a membership of circa 200 providing much needed community support as well as an avenue for mature men, often retirees, to engage with others at a similar stage in life. So, the community benefits in a number of ways as the DVMS grows into a "large oak tree."


Besides enabling individual senior local men to enhance their skills in ways they had thought impossible the Men's Shed as a group benefits the community by:

Assisting the set up and clean-up of the Dingley Village Farmers Market each month, works closely with Park Rangers in Braeside and Karkarook Parks to improve the amenities for residents, assists the local SES and Life Saving clubs in their work to name just a few of our activities in the local community.

Most of us look forward to retiring from our formal paid employment, our career, but of course we do not retire from life, we just change vehicles.

The DVMS provides an excellent vehicle to continue to contribute to our community, learn and grow our skills whilst at the same time enjoying the company of other like-minded men. It really is a win, win, win for all concerned as we move into our second decade of service to our members and community.





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## You're only old if you don't live

My work as an Arborist takes me the length and breadth of much of the landscape of my beloved Tasmania. In late Spring last year on a coolish, windswept day I was in Hobart finalising arrangements for my annual visit to some of the state's oldest residents in the Tarkine Forest in the North West.

It was past lunchtime and I had time for a saunter to the my favourite Cafe, the Brooke Street Larder, on the same named Pier jutting out onto the Derwent. I like to saunter, it's my favourite thing. You can spot tourists from overseas like Victoria, they don't pace themselves, always in a hurry. We locals know how to step in harmony with the often unkind weather and the age of our buildings, many that have stood since pre federation.

I walked past Salamanca Place towards the Pier. At this time of year cool breezes usually sweep down from Mt Wellington every day, competing for effect with the squalls racing up from the Derwent. The battle of the winds seemed to be centering on St David's Park, a small piece of public greenery that has stubbornly stood the test of the time in Hobart's history.

What grabbed my attention was a dark skinned, floppy hatted elderly gentleman, dressed in thin, scanty summer clothes. He was sitting, leaning back on a park bench, I presumed taking in the whirling pool of everything around and below.

As I was about to pass the man raised himself and pointed to a place on the bench next to him. I obliged and sat. Coffee could wait.

"I haven't seen you around here before," said the man now facing me. I explained my work and how it took me throughout our state. I wasn't around very much.

"What do you like about it", he asked taking a closer look into my eyes and watching for a reaction that wasn't fictional. I sensed that he was testing me.

I thought for a minute or so and tried to assemble a few sentences that would make sense to this quiet, carefully spoken man of the land, a man who was about to breathe some wisdom of the ages.

"Everything in your culture has a reason and a purpose, everyone seems to be a team player, everyone knows their role and place in the scheme of things. You live for the moment and connections to the earth and others is all you need."

"That's good, son", he said.

A touch embarrassed I went back to basics, you know, Anglo Saxon conversation 101. You know, when meeting people for the first time we need to fill in the awkward silences by asking what job they do, how long have you lived here, and sometimes how old you are. As if that type of information defines us."

I asked him how old he was!

A knowing smile followed. It was a ridiculous question, but he didn't seem to mind. He was a patient man who would have seen much in this and other necks of woods.

"It's not about being old. Is a tree old, would you say?"

I had little to offer. The man continued "you are around flora, trees and their mother, Earth, all the time. It gives birth, it takes, it lives doesn't it? It works with wind, the dirt, the rocks, the waters, the cold, the heat. Those trees you look at and help. With all due respect we did that for generations. We never saw them as old, though."

I was struggling. "What do you mean?"

"As soon as someone or something gets a definition, like 26 years old or that tree is hundreds of years old they are devalued. Do you understand?"

"No," I said.

"My name is Jimmy Yarran, I am an Elder. A Wiradjuri man. Yarran is a Wiradjuri word for wattle tree. So, you may have worked on one of my kind in your time, he said smiling. Yarran wood is very strong."

My face must have been revealing the vagueness within. Jimmy took up the challenge. "We share something don't we. You asked me how old I was. I have no use for that. As soon as I say I am old, I lose my culture and I have no meaning. I have lived a certain number of years, 89 to be correct. I will continue to live and have purpose. Will you if you call yourself old?"

"Those trees that they cut down. Some Huon Pines are over 2000 years of life, not 2000 years of being old. They live and breathe every day, they work with us, the birds, the plants, the animals. Some die and some are re-born, that's their cycle."

"If whitefellas understood this they would understand us better and recognise us as carers of this land that we now share. You help sick trees don't you?"

It was my turn. "Yes, I do."

Jimmy was looking out over the Harbour, busier now by the minute as the afternoon drew on. "Is it because they are old? No, because they need help. Just like our families, our loved ones, neighbours, strangers. So, if we see everyone as living and not aged, not old, perhaps there would be more respect."

I nodded and extended my hand in appreciation. He accepted it and we warmly bid each other farewell. We were both smiling broadly.

I did some thinking on my drive to the Northwest. Jimmy was right. It's not about a number that somehow grades you. Saying you have been living 38 years seemed to be a lot more positive than saying I was 38 years older than when I was born. It's about the journey and the living that is done. For people and for trees! It's a subtle point he had made but I think I could live by it.

WD 2023

*The Dingley Village Writing For Pleasure Group meets each Wednesday at 10 am at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Our small group is comprised of members with varying talent and experience. Some have never written at all prior to joining us. Contact Warren at wasadunc@bigpond.net.au with any enquiries.*



## Dingley Scouts

We said there were going to be camps and boy were we right.

Stradbroke Cup was an amazing event. We had 2 patrols attend (8 youth). For some it was their 4th, and last, Straddy and for others it was their first.

This competition is located at Bay Park Scout Park, scouts had to work together in their group (Patrol) honing their camping and bushcraft skills. Youth needed to work as a team to plan, prepare, cook and clean and basically look after themselves for the three days of the camp. Shhh... don't worry, leaders were never far away.

Not to be outdone, District Camp was a huge success with 18 youth and 3 leaders attending from Dingley. 45+ in total from across the District. Held at Gilwell Park, there was lots of adventure to be had with archery, canoeing, abseiling and flying foxes to name a few.

Not to mention the fun, laughter and new friendships that were formed.

Well done to our Venturers and Cubs who passed their water safety levels and managed to have some fun along the way. Planning for term 2 is starting and we know there will be lots of adventures awaiting our youth and leaders alike.



For 5 of our youth, the countdown is now officially on with just under 3 months until our first group of International ambassador's head off to represent Australia at international events. Keep an eye on future Dossiers for updates and all their exploits.

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

- Joeys 5 – 7yrs
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- Venturers 15 – 17yrs
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- Please contact our Group Leader below.
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  - Friday 7:30pm – 9:30pm
  - Monday 7:30pm – 10:00pm



For more information about Dingley Scout Group contact Vanessa on **0402 489 773** or email [dingleyscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:dingleyscoutgroup@gmail.com)

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The Kingswood Golf course is again threatened with an application to destroy more trees. Various applications over time have included trees that have a risk factor off the scale like 1 in ten million. AustralianSuper should be ashamed. I predict the Government is not going to make an announcement on Kingwoods' fate for some time.

If democracy, thousands of objections and proper procedures applied, then Kingswood would never be built on.)

Kevin Poulter  
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Further information: Jillian Sanders **0419 501 365** (Captain), Julie Westcott 0438 269 622. (President), Jan Boyes **0497 096 377** (Secretary)

## Dingley Football Netball Club



It won't be long before local football and netball seasons kick off for 2023 and all our local supporters and loyal sponsors can look forward to a new era as the club continues to strive to remain a force in the Southern League.

On the football front, the pre-season has been strenuous as the senior group have been training at Chadwick Reserve in Howard Rd under new senior coach Zach Horsley.

We are encouraged by the emergence of many of our younger group as they transition into senior ranks, following the retirements of several experienced premiership players who helped guide the club to so much success in recent years. Great clubmen such as Danny Ades and Dan Farmer are not easily replaced, and we wish them well in their future careers in coaching roles elsewhere.

We also congratulate and farewell Cam Dickie who has signed on at Sandringham Zebras for 2023. Cam has been a great player and clubman for the Dingoes in recent years and I reckon he will 'tear it up' in the VFL.

We held a practice match against Karingal recently and will have further hit outs against Pakenham on March 25 and another at Woori Yallock on April 1.

The real stuff starts on April 14 at Jack Barker Reserve against Cheltenham followed by a visit to reigning premiers Cranbourne on April 22.

At this stage the club is looking to boost the numbers in our under 19 team as many of last years team have graduated into senior football this year. The club's established policy of giving under 19 players exposure to senior football whilst still being in the under 19 group has been a huge part of our success in recent years, so there are great opportunities for young players to advance quickly.

We are always looking for extra volunteers to help around the club and especially would like to hear from someone who would be interested in assisting as a property steward, maintaining the various bits and pieces of football gear on training nights and match days. The club President can be contacted via the club website.

The netball body has also been training hard under senior coach Adrian Ballantyne and hopes are high for more silverware in 2023.

'Passers-by' will have noticed that work is moving along on the new sports club and players change room as the building is finally 'out of the ground' and the building supervisor is happy with progress to date.

Go Dingoes in 2023



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## Building financial resilience

Resilience is the ability to quickly recover from setbacks, and while setbacks can come in many forms most of them will have a financial component. So what can you do to build financial resilience?

## Expect the unexpected

Rarely do we get advance warning that something bad is about to happen to us, so the time to develop your resilience strategy is now. And while we don't know the specifics, we can anticipate events that would throw our finances into disarray. A house burning down or a car being stolen. Not being able to work due to illness or injury. The death of a breadwinner or caregiver.

With some idea of the type of threat we face we may be able to insure against some of them. If you have taken out any type of insurance policy you've already made a start on your resilience plan.

## Create buffers

You can't insure against every possibility, but you can build financial buffers. This might simply be a savings account that you earmark as your emergency fund that you contribute to

to each payday. If your home loan offers a redraw facility you can also create a buffer by getting ahead on your mortgage repayments.

Buffers can be particularly important for retirees drawing a pension from their super fund. Redeeming growth assets for cash in order to make pension payments during a market downturn can lead to a depletion of capital and reduction in how long the money will last.

By maintaining a cash buffer of, say, two year's worth of pension payments, redemptions of growth assets can be deferred, giving time for the market to recover.

## Cut costs

The Internet abounds with tips on how to cut costs and save money. In difficult economic times cost cutting can help you maintain your financial buffers and important insurances. Key to cost cutting is tracking your income and expenditure and yes, that means doing a budget. Find the right budgeting app for you and this chore could actually be fun.

## Invest in quality

There are many companies out there that have long track records of consistently pumping out profits and dividends. They may not be as exciting (i.e. volatile) as the latest techno fad stocks but when markets get the jitters these blue chip companies are more likely to maintain their value than the newcomers.

This is important. The more volatile a portfolio the more likely an investor is to sell down into a declining market. This turns paper losses into real ones, depriving the investor the opportunity to ride the market back up again.

The other key tool in creating resilient portfolios is diversification. Buying a range of investments both within and across the major asset classes is a fundamental strategy for managing portfolio volatility.

With a well-diversified portfolio of quality assets there is less need to regularly buy and sell individual investments. Unnecessary trading can create 'tax drag' where the realisation of even a marginal capital gain triggers a capital gains tax event and consequent reduction in portfolio value.

Take advice

Building financial resilience can be a complicated process requiring an understanding of a range of issues that need to be balanced against one another and prioritised. Your financial planner is ideally placed to assist you in developing your own, personalised plan for financial resilience.

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## Dry Eyes

Do your eyes feel gritty, stinging or sore?

Do you find yourself uncomfortable after extended computer, tablet or phone use?

Do your eyes water or become red? You could have dry eyes!

Dry eyes and its associated symptoms are caused by imbalances in your tear film, the clear liquid coating on the front surface of your eye. It consists of two main components: the "watery" and the "oily" layers.

Whether it is due to environmental factors, systemic conditions, medications or hormonal changes, any disruption to this delicate tear film balance can result in discomfort - luckily, Dingley Eye Centre can offer a range of solutions for all of your dry eye needs. These include:

### Drops

Lubricating eye drops, commonly known as "artificial tears" have traditionally been used as a first line of defence against dry eyes symptoms. These products work by replenishing elements of your natural tear film and mimicking the effect of balanced tears. These can be in liquid, gel or ointment form, both preserved and preservative free.

There are many varieties of lubricants available, so it is important to discuss with your optometrist the best product and dosage to manage your individual dry eye disease.



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### Nutritional information and supplements

There is emerging research supporting the use of nutritional support and supplements to ease the long-term symptoms of dry eye disease. Comprehensive, multifactorial dry eye studies such as the DEWS II report emphasise the importance of adequate Omega 3 and 6 intake to positively induce changes to your tear film. This can be introduced to your body via diet changes such as eating more oily fish, walnuts or flax seeds or with over the counter supplements such as Lacritec.

### At home treatments

Treatments such as warm compresses, lid and lash shampoos and gland massage performed at home may be recommended by your optometrists, with the aim of managing the conditions that lead to your dry eye symptoms as well as acting to prevent further discomfort. By breaking the cycle of blepharitis-induced dryness or promoting healthy oil expression from your glands, these at home treatments can supplement the use of drops to holistically manage your dry eye disease.

### In chair treatments

At Insightful Eye Care, we offer in chair treatments for your dry eyes that supplement the use of drops and at home treatments. These involve the physical heating and expression of your eyelid oil glands using Blephasteam goggles and forceps or Mastrata paddles. These treatments are periodically applied depending on the severity of your dry eyes, can help to promote healthy and consistent oil secretion to rebalance your tear film.

### Additional clinic interventions

Other clinical interventions provided by your optometrist at Insightful Eye

Care may include:

### Lacrimal lavage

This technique involves flushing a saline solution through your tear

duct into your nasal passage in order to sweep away any blockages and allows your tears to drain properly, rather than spilling down your cheeks. Punctal plugs, these are tiny silicone plugs that are positioned into your tear drainage passage in order to conserve your tears and allow them to remain in your eyes for longer.

### Prescription medications:

As therapeutically endorsed optometrists, we have the capacity to prescribe topical drugs such as antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drops, to manage your dry eyes and subsequent symptoms, as well as make recommendations to your general practitioner regarding the use of oral antibiotics such as Doxycycline.

Don't put up with discomfort any longer - book yourself in for an eye test today!

At Dingley Eye Centre, we pride ourselves on our knowledge and desire to stay up to date with the latest research to better look after your eyes and preserve your vision. We are passionate about your sight and the health of your family's eyes.

Call us to make an appointment, book online on our website [www.insightfuleyecare.com.au](http://www.insightfuleyecare.com.au) or come down for a chat with us about how we can help you manage your dry eyes.

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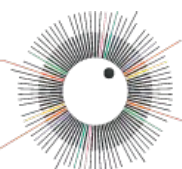
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## Dingley Village Historical Society

We are open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. 10 - 12noon (closed public Hols.) We can open other days if and as requested. We are at 31A Marcus Rd, near the library. Ph **9551 4374** (a message can be left) or email, [enquiries@dvhs.com.au](mailto:enquiries@dvhs.com.au).

## Country Women's Association Dingley Village



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

The Country Women's Association is for all women, all ages and from all places in the country and the city. We're a vibrant, volunteer philanthropic organisation of women with a focus on friendship, supporting women, children and families right across Victoria and we'd love you to join us. We cook, we craft, and we advocate for change, while always remaining relevant.

Our Dingley branch meets at 10.00am on the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you would like more details about CWA or the Dingley Group, please Sue on **0434 879 875**.

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## Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Our gatherings adjacent to the Sports Bar of the Dingley International Hotel are being held only on the 2nd Thursday of the month so the next one will be on the 13th of April and the May one is on the 11th. 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 for your indulgence.

Our regular dinner on the last Saturday of the month is proving popular with members and the next one will be on the 29th of April. Advice of future activities and venues are 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. Enquiries can be made to Graeme on **9551 3462**.

PS - Question - Where are all the eligible menfolk of Dingley and surrounds hiding?

## Probos Club Dingley Central



Our clubs 32nd Annual Meeting was chaired by Keith Maxwell, member of our sponsoring Rotary Club, The Rotary Club of Noble Park/Keysborough.

After all the formalities, our retiring President Tim and fellow committee members were thanked for their tireless contributions to the club throughout the past year, and Best Wishes were extended to incoming President Lyn and her committee for the coming year. An excellent video prepared by our club's publicity officer Colin, highlighting the activities held throughout the past year, was shown at the conclusion of the meeting.

Activities planned for April:

Film Day, Happy Hour, Legs and Morning Coffee, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, Morning Melodies, Dine Out, Craft Group, Games Day and MTC. Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 10am at the "Salvation Army Kingston Centre" 13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village.

New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Jean on **0438 272 232**.

## Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

How the year 2023 seems to be moving fast. The Autumn leaves (or at least some of them) are starting to fall. Easter is nearly upon us as well! We hope that you all have a nice time over the Easter break.

Everyone enjoyed our bus trip to Healesville last month; however, some Members were observed to supplement the lunch at the Healesville RSL by a visit to the Beechworth Bakery.

Arranged activities for April are as follows:

- 3rd - Bingo followed by afternoon tea.
- 5th - (note a Wednesday) a trip to the Village Green for lunch.
- 10th - Easter Holiday - No Club meeting.
- 17th - Bingo followed by afternoon tea.
- 24th - Committee Meeting followed by Games and afternoon tea and
- 1st of May - Bingo followed by afternoon tea.

For more information, contact our President, Mary, on **0439 426 728** or our Vice President, Joan, on **0421 736 795**.

## 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 on **0425 862 718**.

## Dingley Village Men's Shed



Opening Hours and General Activities:

Day of Week	Open Hours	General Activities
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am - 1:00 pm	Metal Work, Wood Work, Art, Bicycle & Car Maintenance
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am - 12:00 pm 1:30pm - 3:30pm	A' Team workgroup & Bike Riding Group Photography
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am - 12:00 pm	Bike Riding Group & Music Group
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	A' Team workgroup Pool / Snooker
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Members Muster</b> This is our main day!

Every Friday Morning (except holidays as designated). come along, enjoy a cuppa, a chat & meet with your fellow shedders. We also hold a great Raffle (fundraiser) for members & visitors, and also a Golf Putting Comp.

Other Activities from time to time include Golf Days, Special Event Days e.g., Cup Day & Australia Day BBQ's. plus, the occasional outing to places of interest.

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](mailto:info@dvms.org.au)  
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## Lions Club of Dingley Village



If anybody has any of the following items, they can be left at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Pre-loved spectacles, sunglasses and hearing aids and used stamps are still needed.

Thank you to all who have donated, please keep them coming in. Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday at 7.00pm 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](mailto: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 email [info@npdrotaryclub.org.au](mailto:info@npdrotaryclub.org.au) 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](mailto: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.

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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](http://www.heathertondingleyuca.org.au)

### Our Vision and our Mission

To seek to connect people to God and each other.

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

### What's On:

#### Second Tuesday Of Each Month

Queer Allies - A Peer Support Group for family and friends of LGBTQIA+ people to share the journey of growing in understanding, acceptance and support. Meets at 7.00 p.m. Questions: Andrea Mayes **0408 65 939** or [heathertondingleyunitingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:heathertondingleyunitingchurch@gmail.com).

**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**.

#### 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 **0418 998 714**.

#### First Friday Of Each Month

Indoor Carpet Bowls - 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall followed by supper.

#### Third Saturday On Odd Months Of The Year

#### Bark And Chat

This is an informal group of dog lovers who bring their dogs along for a chat and short information session on different topics relating to dogs, followed by morning tea. For further information contact Margaret on **0401 392 772**.

## Easter Services

Good Friday - 9.00 a.m. followed by morning tea and hot cross buns. Easter Sunday - 10.00 a.m.

## Kingston City Church



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

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

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

When God calls us to salvation, He calls us to fellowship with Himself, His Son and His Holy Spirit. New life is imparted as we are slowly being transformed. We learn to trust God in our daily walk. We surrender our struggles, anxieties and fears.

If we ask, He promises us His peace. Jesus said, 'I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid!' (John 14:27 NLT)

In a day when life can be stressful and overwhelming; God's perfect peace is a must! God wants us to have a life lived to the fullest and that includes being at peace. Discover God's peace 'that surpasses all understanding.'

Join us for our Easter services, celebrating the finished work of the cross. We will focus on the love of God shown to mankind through the death of His only Son, Jesus and His resurrection three days later.

Friday 7 April @ 10am - Good Friday  
 Sunday 9 April @ 10am - Easter Sunday.

Helen Nicolos  
 Kingston City Church



## Village Church Inc.



"Inspiring People to Discover and Develop Life in Christ"

Church Office: 7-9 Fiveways Blvd, Keysborough. 3173  
 Phone number: **8712 8254**  
 Email: [admin@villagechurch.org.au](mailto:admin@villagechurch.org.au)  
[www.villagechurch.org.au](http://www.villagechurch.org.au)

**Our Church offers a range of ministries as follows:**

### Easter Services

7th April - Good Friday Service - 9am  
 9th April - Sunday Easter Service - 10am

### 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-olds through to Grade 6. All welcome.

### Prayer Time

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am  
 Monthly - This month is Saturday 15th April; 9-10am at the church. Monday 17th April; 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom Only. Contact office for link.

Please contact the office for further details and to register your interest in any of the following groups.

### Bible Studies

We have different fortnightly groups that run throughout the week.

### Monthly Ladies Group

Once a month 1st Saturday of the month at 1.30pm.

### Monthly Men's Group

Once a month on the 4th Sunday of the month at 5pm (BBQ and study).

### Young Adults' Life Groups

Fortnightly on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm.

### Youth Group

Every Friday night during school term 7pm till 9pm. \*Youth group not held during school holidays.

### Special Event - Coming Up

### Creation Ministries - Sunday 7th May

Please contact the office for more details

### 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 Helen or Lesley on **8712 8254** with any enquiries you might 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



Christ Church - Anglican Church Dingley Village.

### Easter Weekend Services:

Maundy Thursday 7 PM, Washing of Feet & Holy Communion Service  
Good Friday Service: 10 AM  
Holy Saturday: 6.30 PM, The Messiah & Passover  
Easter Sunday: 10 AM, Holy Communion Service

### Sunday Services

8.30 am (Heritage Church) Holy Communion Service. 10.30 am (Auditorium) Worship Service with Kids' Church. 2nd

### Tuesday Monthly Service

2 PM Pleasant Tuesday Traditional Holy Communion with favourite hymns in the Heritage Church followed by social afternoon tea. Please contact our office for transport if needed.

### 6 Week ALPHA Course

Exploring life and basics of the Christian faith over a meal in a friendly, informal & open environment. Please contact our office for details.

### Connect Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

### Weekly Prayer Meetings

Wednesday 1 PM in the Heritage Church  
Saturday 8 AM in the Atrium. Healing & Prayer Ministry available upon request

### Roundabout Op Shop

Come grab a bargain for Easter (e.g., craft, etc.) Our popular store offers an array of good quality clothing, books, bric-a-brac, toys, etc. Volunteers Welcome!

### Opening Hours:

- Wednesday 9.30 am – 4 pm
- Thursday 9.30 am – 1.30 pm
- Saturday 9.30 am – 1.30 pm
- Donations: We take clean useable items but cannot accept electrical goods, bedding or baby/child equipment

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### Pastoral Counselling

Please contact our parish office for details and bookings

**Senior Pastor:** Richard Loh

**Parish Office:** 03 9551 7871

**Email:** admin@ccd.org.au

**Website:** www.ccd.org.au

### St. Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road,  
Dingley Village, 3172.  
Phone: **9551 6930** or **9547 4877**  
Email: Springvale@cam.org.au  
Website for further information:

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

### Easter Services (check for times)

Thursday 6th April Holy Thursday Mass

### Friday 7th April Good Friday

Stations of the Cross  
The Passion

### Saturday 8th April Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

### Sunday 9th April Easter

9:30am Easter Sunday of  
The Resurrection of the Lord

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



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