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## NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

We've all been affected by bullying in some way. Today is a time to take action to prevent it from happening to the kids, and adults, and in our communities. Speak up, raise awareness, and offer support to end bullying.

The theme for National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (NDAABV) 2023 is 'Want to talk about it?'. This year the focus is on ensuring that youth experiencing bullying and harassment reach out to a school faculty member, parent, family friend or other trusted adult. Bullying puts its victims in dangerous social, mental and physical situations. The harm from bullying calls for serious concern, so if you or someone you know is experiencing bullying and harassment, please reach out to someone.

Bullying can have detrimental effects on our youth. With mental health issues, social well-being, self-esteem and self-image being greatly affected when an individual experiences bullying and violence. Bullying is a very complicated issue, and its solution is dynamic.



For a school to beneficially intervene in a bullying incident, they need to understand the social situation it has occurred in and motivations behind those bullying. It's crucial that schools create systems that allow for students to reach out for support and ensures their safety in reporting incidents.

Standing up to bullying can be a real game-changer, research shows that when someone steps in and stands up to bullying behaviour, it's likely to stop right away. Most people also agree that bullying is wrong, so it's likely that other people feel just as uncomfortable about the bullying as you do.

## You can help stop bullying from happening by:

- Show you disapprove, e.g., frowning at a mean joke, shake your head to show you don't think it's right.
- Interrupt the bullying by talking to the person being bullied e.g., "Hi Jack, there you are!"
- Give the person being bullied an excuse to leave the situation. e.g., "The teacher is looking for you" or "Hey can you come help me with something for a minute."
- Let the person being bullied know that you saw the bullying, you don't agree with it and offer support, do this in private/once the person is safe from situation. e.g. "I saw what was happening at lunchtime. It is not OK for them to act that way! Are you OK? How can I help?"

 Report it to trustworthy adults, such as teacher, parent, Kids Helpline. If possible, report it together – being bullied can be very lonely. Having a friend through a tough time can make a big difference to someone being bullied.

Whether you're a student, parent, teacher or just a member of your local community, we all have a job in stopping bullying and supporting kids who have been harmed by it. To learn more about bullying and find ways that you can help, please visit https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/.

If you think or know your child is being bullied, see the Safe Community article in this edition of the Dingley Dossier.



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## **FARMERS' MARKET**

**SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST | 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.

## WHAT'S ON AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE?

## LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

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1300 659 467

**SES**: 13 25 00

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1800 675 398

MensLine:

1300 789 978

WIRE

(Women's Information and Referral Exchange):

1300 134 130

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1800 015 188

**Nurse on Call:** 

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EPA 1300 372 842

Aircraft Noise:

1800 802 584

**Neighbourhood Centre:** 

8512 0505

**Community Association:** 

dvcasecretary@gmail.com

Men's Shed:

9551 5892

VicRoads Faults and Hazards:

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RSPCA:

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## Justice of the Peace

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

## Yoga with Bubs with Hailey

Yoga moves with bubs, aged from newborn to when they are on the move. Thurs, 11.15am-12pm in the Devonshire Hall, \$10.00 per class, no need to book just come along.

## Knit, Craft & Natter with Marlene

Have a knitting or any other craft project lying around or want to learn how to knit. Thursdays 10am -12pm in the Centre. Free Class, no need to book- Just come along.

## **Collection Point**

Did you know that you can drop off the following items at the Centre: prescription glasses/hearing aids, stamps, metal ring pulls from cans & unused toiletries from hotel rooms. These items are then recycled for use by local service groups. You can drop them off at the Centre.

## Playgroup Victoria for Dingley Village

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

## Taekwondo with David

Mon & Thurs 5.30pm -7pm in the 'Harold Box Hall.' If you are interested in joining, contact David 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-9pmin the 'Craft room' in the Harold Box Hall. Contact Lesley to book via email ezfrommelbz@gmail.com

## Reading Rockets with Kellie-Anne

For children attending 4-year-old Kinder with a focus on reading, writing & numeracy skills. Mon & Fri sessions. Contact Kellie-Anne to book & any queries on **0419 102 762** or Email kellie@readingrockets.com.au

#### Safe Seats Safe Kids with Michael

We have free Child car restraint fittings and safety check done here at the Centre carpark. Thursday 10am-2pm. For bookings go to: <a href="https://www.safeseatssafekids.com.au">www.safeseatssafekids.com.au</a>

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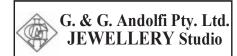
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## **COMMUNITY**

#### Congratulations

Dingley Primary School Volleyball team played in the District final against St Patrick's PS in June. It was an extremely competitive game with very close sets. Dingley won 2 sets to 1! They will now go on to play in the Division finals in Term 4. What an amazing achievement for our local volleyball superstars!



## **CWA Winter Warmers**

Stay warm and stylish this winter with the Dingley Village Country Women's Association (CWA) Winter Warmers stall at Dingley Farmers Market on Saturday, August 19th from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm!! We have got your entire family covered with a fantastic range of hand-knitted goodies. Don't miss out on this must-visit stall for all things cosy and fashionable!

#### **Angel Gowns Australia**

Angel Gowns Australia is a registered 100% volunteer based not-for-profit charity and is always looking for amazing people to help within the organisation. From donated wedding dresses they lovingly handcraft Angel Gown garments and Tutus which are given to families who have suffered the loss of their baby, have a child with special needs or long term illness.

Whilst they are currently not accepting wedding dresses, they need volunteers to help with sewing garments, fundraising, events or on the committees. Visit <a href="https://www.angelgownsaustralia.org.au">www.angelgownsaustralia.org.au</a>

## New Writing Group in Dingley Village: Writing for Pleasure

A new group has been formed to excite past scribblers or would-be writers to take up the pen!

Perhaps you have wondered if you would like to improve your writing, or you enjoyed writing at school or University and would like to return to it. You can! Perhaps you would like to write fiction - a short story perhaps - or non fiction, poetry, a memoir or maybe write a review of a movie or a book you have read.

Our new group will be squarely focussed on having fun, you can watch and listen and learn - and then write - or just be a part of our group and enjoy the creativity that usually grows. Advice will be available but only if requested. We would welcome any enquiries.

We will meet once a week, excluding school holidays. Please message the DV Neighbourhood Centre via email to admin@dvnc.com.au and we will be in touch to answer any enquiries.

#### Special Dates in August

## MS Readathon 1 - 31st August

MS Readathon is a reading based fundraising program open to participants of ALL ages. Read books through the month of August, get sponsored and make a difference!



## National Missing Persons Week 2 – 8th August

Approximately 30,000 Australians are reported missing every year. Just by keeping an eye out every member of our community can help when a person goes missing. This week is a time to support suffering loved ones, as well as a reminder to us all to keep watch for information that may help.

## Keep Australia Beautiful Week 17th – 23rd August

Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held each year to raise awareness about the simple things we can do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment. If you love Australia's natural beauty, from the beaches to the rainforests, get involved to help keep it beautiful!

## National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day 4th August

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (NAICD) is a

celebration of Indigenous children. NAICD was first observed by the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) in 1988.

#### Red Nose Day 14th August

Red Nose is Australia's leading authority on safe sleep and pregnancy, and bereavement support for families affected by the death of a child. Get involved with one of Australia's biggest and most loved charity days and help babies and their families.

## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence 18th August

We've all been affected by bullying in some way. We have to take action to prevent it from happening to the kids, and adults, in our communities. To encourage open conversations with youth about bullying and mistreatment, the campaign theme for 2023 is "Want to talk about it?". Please speak up, raise awareness, and offer support to end bullying.

#### Raksha Bandhan 30th August

Raksha Bandhan means bond of protection. This important Hindu festival honours the love between brothers and sisters and is marked by the tying of a rakhi thread by sisters on their brother's wrist and by brothers giving gifts and promises of protection to their sisters. The festival affirms the crucial importance of family in the Hindu tradition.





## DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Meng Heang Tak, Member for Clarinda

DVCA was pleased to have Meng Heang Tak, our State Parliament Member for Clarinda representing Dingley Village, attend our monthly DVCA meeting in July.

Mr Tak spoke to DVCA members on a number of local issues in our village, including Kingswood Golf Course, the proposed Kingston Fields regional sporting facility, the Chain of Parks, Roadside Graffiti and Kingston Planning Amendment C203.

## **Kingston Planning Scheme Amendment C203 Kingston Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study Planning Panel Report**

Panel appointed by Planning the State Planning Minister to review Amendment C203 has now released their recommendations and report. Amendment C203 sets out the proposed new residential zones for the City of Kingston, based on Council's Neighbourhood Character and Housing Study 2021.

Council will now consider the Planning Panel Report / Amendment C203 at a meeting in August and decide to:

- adopt the amendment, or
- adopt the amendment with changes,
- abandon the amendment.

## Why Is Amendment C203 Required?

Council has been required to implement new residential planning zones, following their introduction by the State Government across Melbourne, to manage housing growth over the next 15 years. A key strategy of the new planning zones is to

increase housing. Development in existing urban areas, particularly around activity centres (shops, public transport, jobs, etc) and maximise access to facilities and services. The Planning Panel Report considers Kingston's population is forecast to increase from 159,600 in 2021 to 200,000 over the next 15 years to 2038, requiring an additional 11,669 dwellings to be provided across the City of Kingston.

So What Are The New Residential Planning Zones Proposed For Dingley Village? There are two residential planning zones proposed:

- NRZ7- Neighbourhood Residential Zone. This zone will apply to the village's residential areas and will have a 9 metre / 2 storey height limit.
- GRZ5 General Residential Zone. This zone will apply ONLY to an area along Centre Dandenong Road within 200 metres walkable distance from our village shopping centre (called a NAC -Neighbourhood Activity Centre) and has a 11 metre / 3 storey height limit. This will allow around 100 dwellings near the shops to be built up to three stories in height.

The Planning Panel report did not consider the future zoning of Kingswood Golf Course, in the heart of our village. Kingswood is zoned Special Use Golf Course, apart from a small section, the golf driving range fronting Centre Dandenong Road.

"Whether or not the Kingswood Golf Course site is appropriate for residential development is currently before the Minister. For this reason, the Panel does not address the future zoning of the former golf club land. The Panel considers the rezoning to

NRZ7 (2 storey height limit) of the three small parcels within the former Kingswood Golf Club land already zoned for residential is appropriate, as this is consistent with NRZ7 proposed for surrounding residential areas. appropriate. " Planning Panel Report p.76

## Why is Amendment C203 So Important for Dingley Village?

DVCA hopes that Amendment C203, which would be incorporated into Kingston's planning scheme, will assist in preserving our unique village environment and protect the neighbourhood character and amenity of our residential streets, respecting the village's existing single and double storey housing character of the village.

Mona's Crossing, Centre Dandenong Road -It Has Finally Happened. DVCA is delighted to see the pedestrian road refuge (opposite Mona's Bakery) in Centre Dandenong Road has now been completed, which will assist crossing Centre Dandenong Road to access health providers on the south side.

DVCA has campaigned both Council and Vic Roads long and hard, over many years, to have this crossing and it great to see this finally built for us all to use.

#### **DVCA Contact Info:**

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. located at 31b Marcus Rd. New members are most welcome to attend.

For further information please contact the DVCA Secretary at dvcasecretary@gmail. com, or visit www.dvca.info.



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## **OUR COUNCIL**

## Another year of delivery ahead in Kingston



## Kingston's 2023 Citizen of the Year

The City of Kingston is looking forward to another year of strong delivery for our community.

With financial responsibility at its core and informed by deep community consultation, our 2023-24 budget features a substantial capital works program focused on providing first-class infrastructure and top-quality facilities and an ongoing commitment to our highly utilised community services.

Mayor Hadi Saab thanked all those who provided input either via our new year-round Talking Kingston platform, or during the draft exhibition period either in writing or in-person at our extraordinary council meeting.

"We are really fortunate to represent such a passionate and engaged community and we have received some tremendously thoughtful submissions that were all considered in the budget development process," Cr Saab said.

"While it isn't possible to include every suggestion in the budget, we believe it balances the needs of our entire community and it will help build an even stronger, healthier, and more connected city.

"Importantly, it has been prepared in line with Council's commitment to sustainable budgeting, responsible financial management and the State Government's rate cap of 3.5% and features a small surplus and substantial cost of living considerations.

"We are acutely aware that many in our community are under financial stress and therefore along with offering deferral and flexible payments options, we have also committed to providing aged and disability services to all regardless of ability to pay and 12 months of learn to swim classes to families in hardship.

"I'm excited to be part of building a Kingston we can be proud of as we strive for resilience, inclusivity, and diversity, and become the most liveable and sustainable city in Victoria."

## Key budget features:

- \$1.08 million surplus
- \$53 million capital works spend

including:

• \$7.6 million for local roads

- \$4.8 million for the Dingley Village Stage 2 works to progress the delivery of an intergenerational community hub
- \$4.4 million to progress the new pavilion at Regents Park in Aspendale
- \$4.0 million to progress Kingston's new district-level Aquatic and Leisure Centre
- \$2.5 million for drainage flood mitigation
- Includes substantial cost of living considerations
- 3.5% rate rise (well below inflation)

Read the full 2023-24 budget at <u>kingston.</u> <u>vic.gov.au/budget</u>

## Kingston and the Hawks kicking goals for community sport

A partnership between Kingston and the Hawthorn Football Club is set to deliver a huge boost for local community sport into the future.



The 30-year funding and community access agreement governs the development and use of a new community oval and pavilion at the Hawks' new Dingley Village headquarters on Tootal Road, to provide shared AFLW and community use. Council will contribute \$5 million towards the facility, which is required to provide at least 20 hours per week for community use, with Hawthorn responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep.

Mayor Hadi Saab said the partnership with the football club would help meet the growing demand for sporting facilities in Melbourne's south-east.

"Sport participation numbers are booming in our region, with women and girls' footy leading this, and it's essential the necessary infrastructure is put in place to not only meet the current demands but also serve the generations to come," Cr Saab said.

"This project will cost-effectively transform a former landfill into a topclass facility and represents great value for money for our ratepayers. If we were to go it alone on a project of this type, we would be looking at 4-5 times as much upfront, plus the ongoing expenses.

"Our Council is passionate about supporting sport and particularly the participation of women and girls and we are looking forward to seeing the Kennedy Centre project come to fruition." Caruana Ward Councillor George Hua welcomed the joint commitment.

"It's an exciting project that will be a great asset for local sport, provide pathways into elite women's football and help boost the local economy through construction and ongoing jobs," Cr Hua said.

"Community sport adds so much to Kingston by encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle and establishing strong community connections. It's great to think that we could soon be seeing the next generation of young footy stars getting their start on a brand-new community oval here in Dingley Village."

## Panel releases findings on Kingston's new planning rules

The independent panel considering the future of planning zones and updated rules for Kingston has released its recommendations following recent public hearings. This important city-shaping amendment - C203 - seeks to implement the key recommendations of the Kingston Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study (2021) into the Kingston Planning Scheme via new planning controls and policy.

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

The Victorian Government estimates Melbourne will grow to 7.9 million people by 2051 and its Plan Melbourne sets out how all local Councils will have to take their fair share of the growth. The amendment and accompanying strategy include 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 outside of major activity centres.

The panel findings are generally supportive of council's Amendment C203, most notably the application of new planning zones, but did include some recommendations to further enhance the relevant planning controls. Kingston Mayor Hadi Saab said council has been working alongside our community over several years in developing these new planning rules and we are now at the pointy end of the process. "As always, we remain committed to ensuring Kingston is well planned, with any future growth centred

in and around our key activity centres, close to public transport, shops, and services to allow us to protect the amenity of our neighbourhood streets," Cr Saab said. Council is yet to consider the Planning Scheme Amendment based on the recommendations of the Planning Panel Report. Some of the key findings and recommendations from the panel include:

- Support for the new planning zones and updated rules in Amendment C203 subject to some changes
- Apply the General Residential Zone (three-storeys) to small pockets of Clayton South, Parkdale and Edithvale that were zoned for twostorey dwellings (Neighbourhood Residential Zone).
- Removing the proposed Private Open Space (POS) requirements including reducing balcony sizes to be consistent with Victorian Government standards and deleting some tree planting requirements
- Some changes to the DDO1 including the wording of the Overlay and the application of the General Residential Zone (three-storeys) to pockets of Parkdale and Mentone near the activity centres.

"Thanks to all the members of the community who have participated in this important process up until now, including making submissions. We are looking forward to having a resolution soon and moving forward with our action plan for carefully balancing how we manage population growth in our city," Cr Saab said.

A report will be listed for a meeting in August when a decision will be made whether to adopt the amendment, and if so, in what form, and it will be then submitted to the Minister for Planning for the final decision. For more information on Amendment C203 please visit the project page or call Council's Strategic Planning team on 1300 653 356.

## Binston your new bin buddy is here

Bin night confusion will be a thing of the past and keeping up with all things waste and recycling in Kingston is even simpler and easier following the launch of our new free waste app.

Binston gives residents a reminder of which bins to put out each week tailored to their address, provides an easy A to Z guide on how to dispose of household items and links to a range of waste services, including hard waste bookings, branch pick-ups and Christmas Tree collection. Kingston Mayor Hadi Saab encourages everyone to download Binston onto their phone to make bin night a breeze. "You'll never miss bin day again, accidentally put out the wrong

bin or have to do a panicked early morning dash in your dressing gown when you hear the truck rumble into the street," Cr Saab said. "Binston also takes away any confusion with handy tips on which items are allowed in each bin and where to take items that can't be disposed of in your household bins. We know most people are trying hard to do the right thing, but it can be confusing and Binston will make it easy for everyone."

Additionally, in the event of a service disruption, app users will also receive notifications to keep them updated. "We are encouraged by the early feedback we have received from our community, and we are really keen to see a big uptake of our bin buddy," Cr Saab said. Kingston residents are encouraged to download Binston for free on the App Store (for iPhones) or Google Play (for Androids).

For more information head to www.kingston.vic.gov.au/binston

## On-demand hard waste service launches in Kingston

Kingston's new on-demand hard waste collection service has officially launched. With the aim of providing greater flexibility for households and reducing the amount of illegally dumped rubbish across our city, this new service enables residents to book two complimentary complimentary pick- ups each financial year on the dates and at the times that

suit them. Previously Kingston offered one collection per year during spring. The two annual free hard waste collections provide an opportunity to dispose of e-waste, white goods, furniture, and mattresses, among other approved household items. Mayor Hadi Saab said our community expressed a strong desire for more flexibility and the new service has been developed to meet this clear need.

"While the hard waste disposal and recycling guidelines aren't changing, we believe that expanding and tailoring the service will reduce the instances of illegal dumping across our city. In turn less waste will be sent to landfills and recycling will increase," Cr Saab said.

"While most people have traditionally done the right thing, we have seen an alarming increase in dumping in recent years, with the cost to ratepayers now well over \$200,000 each year.

"The change to the hard waste service is part of significant work being done around waste, recycling and resource recovery, with a view to improving sustainability and promoting better environmental outcomes."

To find out more, including how to book a collection either online, by phone, or in person, head to kingston.vic.gov.au/services/rubbish-and-recycling/hard-waste



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## THE CONVERSATION

Academic rigour, journalistic flair

First Published: February 28, 2023, 4.08pm AEDT **Anne Twomey** Professor emerita, University of Sydney

If the government disagrees with representations made by the Voice, the short answer is that the government prevails. Governments and parliaments are elected to represent all the people, not just one group of the people. This means they have to take into account a broad range of considerations, including how to manage the budget and the economy, ensure national security and maintain the social wellbeing of the whole country.

## Ensuring the government and parliament are better informed.

The role of the Voice, if the proposed constitutional amendment is passed, would be to ensure the government and parliament are better informed when making laws or decisions on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Voice could make representations about how laws and policies have unintended or perverse consequences, or how they could be made more effective and efficient if they operated in a different way. Any sensible government would take such representations seriously when considering how to make or change laws and policies, because everyone wants better results for Indigenous Australians.

Decisions made with the best will in the world from Canberra can always be improved by listening to the people on the ground who are affected by them. The role of the Voice would therefore be important in improving the quality and effectiveness of laws and government policies. But it could not determine what those laws and policies will be.

We have a democratic system for determining who makes the laws and who forms the government, and that is not going to be changed by the proposed constitutional amendment.

## The influence of the Voice

The power and influence of the Voice will not be static. It will depend on two factors – relevance and quality. The proposed amendment gives the Voice a potentially wide remit. It says it may make representations to both parliament and the executive government "on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples".

This could include laws and policies that specifically relate to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, such as those concerning native title or the protection of cultural heritage. It could also include laws of general application which have a particular impact upon Indigenous Australians.

An example might be a future law that required photo identification for people to be able to vote in federal elections. While such a law would be one of general application, it would most likely have a greater impact upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote areas who are less likely to have photo IDs. It would be important for the Voice to be able to make representations to parliament about the potential impact of such a law in suppressing the votes of Indigenous.

When the Voice makes representations on matters that fall within its expertise and provides insights from those affected on the ground, it will be at its most influential. If, however, the Voice were to make representations on matters that are peripheral to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, or that are not informed by expertise or local experience, then it is much less likely to have influence.

If the Voice, for example, were to make representations on matters concerning Australia's defense policy or its relations with China, on the basis that there was an incidental effect on exports by Indigenous groups, the government would be unlikely to give its representations much, if any, attention. Instead, it would be far more likely to be influenced by the representations of other bodies that have greater expertise on the subject.

The second factor is the quality of the Voice's representations. If it makes measured, well-researched, evidence-based representations that make practical suggestions, it is likely to be influential. However, if it were to spread itself too thin by making poorly considered representations about a wide variety of matters outside its expertise, or make impractical or partisan representations, then it would be less likely to be influential. So, it will be a matter for the Voice itself to secure influence by ensuring the high quality of its representations.

## Could the courts force the government or parliament to implement the Voice's representations?

The High Court has consistently stayed out of the internal proceedings of parliament. It does not determine what parliament should or should not consider when passing laws. Due to the separation of powers, the courts cannot instruct parliament to give effect to representations by the Voice. However, the courts can review a government decision that affects the interests of people if it was made in an unfair manner. If, for example, a law said the decision-maker must take into account representations of the Voice before making a certain type of decision, failure to do so would mean the decision was invalid. The court would then send the decision back to the decision-maker to be remade once the relevant representations had been taken into account.

In these cases, the courts are only concerned with the fairness of the process – that the decision is made properly, taking into account all relevant considerations – not the content of the decision

The decision-maker could remake the decision, taking into account the representation, and still not give effect to the representation. This would be perfectly valid. There is no obligation to give effect to the representation – only to take it into account if the law requires the decision-maker to do so.

Some have raised concerns that instead of parliament deciding whether a decision-maker has to take into account representations of the Voice in relation to certain decisions, the High Court might interpret the Constitution as requiring this in all cases. This seems most unlikely, given neither the words nor the intent of the provision supports such an interpretation.

A former chief justice of Australia, Robert French, has said there is "little or no scope for any court to find constitutional legal obligations in the facilitative and empowering provisions of the amendment".

In other words, all the amendment does is allow the Voice to make representations - it does not impose legalor constitutional obligations on how the government and parliament respond to them.

So, if the government and parliament disagree with the Voice, they are not required to give effect to its representations.

#### Will this leave the Voice ineffective?

If neither the government nor parliament is required to do what the Voice says, does this leave the Voice ineffective?

No. The point of the Voice is to use political pressure to influence parliament and the government before laws and decisions are made, rather than to take legal action to attack laws and decisions after they are made.

That influence will be effective if the Voice makes high-quality representations within its expertise that, if adopted, would result in better outcomes for Indigenous Australians. Achieving better outcomes is the one thing everyone wants, so if the Voice fulfils its role in contributing to that, it will be an effective and valued national institution.

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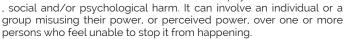
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# SAFE COMMUNITY 🕏

#### Bullying is not OK, no one deserves to be bullied.

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical



Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Sometimes, people get confused about what is and isn't bullying. People can think that someone saying something they don't like is bullying – but it's not. Bullying is different from conflict or unkindness. Bullying is mean, but being mean doesn't always mean bullying.

Bullying is not the same as.

- Being rude saying or doing something hurtful that wasn't planned or meant to hurt someone, e.g., someone pushing in front of you in the canteen line.
- Being mean doing something hurtful to someone on purpose once or twice, e.g., a friend refusing to play with you one day.
- Conflict having a disagreement with a friend, e.g., two friends getting into an argument and saying mean things to each other.
- Respectful feedback on behaviours you're doing that aren't ok, e.g. "It's not ok to roll your eyes every time they talk about sport."
- A friend putting in a 'boundary' e.g. "I don't like it when you keep telling me what to do."
- Natural consequences in socialising, e.g., a friend not trusting you because you shared their secret.

There are three types of bullying behaviour:

- Verbal bullying which includes name calling or insulting someone about physical characteristics such as their weight or height, or other attributes including race, sexuality, culture, or religion
- Physical bullying which includes hitting or otherwise hurting someone, shoving or intimidating another person, or damaging or stealing their belongings
- Social bullying which includes consistently excluding another person or sharing information or images that will have a harmful effect on the other person.

If you are a child being Bullied. These things can help stop bullying:

- Stay calm don't react emotionally (people who bully usually want you to get angry or upset).
- Report it tell trustworthy adults and keep talking to them until
  the bullying stops; reporting it helps keep people safe (and isn't
  the same as 'dobbing' which is about getting someone in trouble
  over nothing).
- Get support bullying can affect your mental health and selfworth - having the support of family, friends, teachers and/or professionals can make a big difference.
- Kids Help Line Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, private, and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. Counselling is currently offered by phone, Webchat, and email. 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or www.kidshelpline.com.au

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If you are a parent or carer. Bullying can be a complex problem and there is sometimes no simple solution.

- Try to be open to hearing their point of view and listening rather than jumping straight to solutions.
- Talk regularly about school, their friendships and anything that might be troubling them.
- Discuss your own experiences of being bullied and how you got through it.

- Encourage them to call Kids Helpline and talk to a counsellor.
- For parenting support, call Parentline Victoria 13 22 89.

**Parentline -** is a statewide telephone counselling and support service for all Victorian parents and carers of children from 0-18 years. Experienced social workers, psychologists and family therapists can give you counselling and information around a wide range of parenting issues.

**Signs of bullying -** Each child who has been bullied or is bullying others will respond and act differently. A child's behaviours and moods can change for a variety of reasons. Parents/carers need to be alert to the possibility that the change in behaviours and moods is related to bullying.

Signs a parent or carer might notice include if their child:

- · doesn't want to go to school or participate in school activities.
- changes their method or route to school or is frightened of walking to school.
- drops in academic performance.
- changes in sleep patterns.
- changes in eating patterns
- has frequent tears, anger, mood swings.
- takes money from home.
- has unexplained bruises, cuts, scratches.
- loses or brings home damaged belongings or clothes.
- arrives home hungry.

The signs of possible bullying online can be the same as signs of other bullying, but include other behaviours with phones and computers, for example:

- being hesitant about going online
- seeming nervous when an instant message, text message or email appears.
- being visibly upset after using the computer or mobile phone, or suddenly avoiding it.
- closes the screen, or hides the mobile phone when others enter the room.
- spending unusually long hours online in a more tense, pensive tone.
- · receiving suspicious phone calls, emails or packages.
- Report bullying to the school.
- Schools can be much more effective when parents report bullying and support their efforts to deal with it. If your child reports that bullying is occurring at school, or the bullying involves students from the school outside of school, you should let the school know the situation.

#### Tips for contacting the school.

Remain calm and focus on being constructive (even if you feel upset). Prepare by:

- checking your school website for any information regarding their policy or procedures for managing bullying
- making a time to talk with your child's teacher, school counsellor or guidance officer.
- writing notes (and any other records) based on what your child has told you so you can be as clear as possible about what happened.
- Tips for working with school staff.

Continue to be calm and constructive. In the first instance contact your child's teacher if possible. During meetings with staff:

- refer to your written notes to be as clear as possible about what happened and write notes of the discussions with your child's teacher or other staff.
- ask what steps will be taken and if a plan is to be developed with home and school strategies.
- recognise that investigating the situation at school will require time.
- keep a written record of when you contacted the school, who you have spoken with, and any agreements that were made.
- stay in touch with the teacher and let them know if problems continue or something new happens.

If you are unable to achieve a satisfactory solution with the class teacher or counsellor, make an appointment to meet with the deputy principal or the principal. Information in this article is provided by Kids Help Line and <u>bullyingnoway.gov.au</u>



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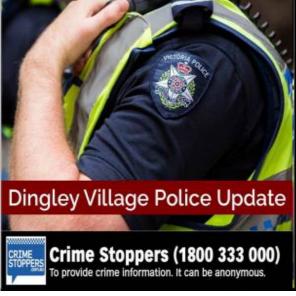
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# LOOKING AT LOANS

## Say Goodbye to Home Loan Debt

The most important thing about getting into debt is being able to get out of debt!

Congratulations, you have your own home: Unfortunately for most, the debt lingers on. Is your home debt something you prefer not to think about? For many the buying of the home is an end in itself; then the mortgage is left and ignored in the background, accepted as a part of life.

At Integrity Finance Australia we believe buying the home and obtaining the mortgage is only half the battle, the other half is paying off the debt. Here are seven steps you can take towards that goal.

#### 1. Read last month's article

Last month we presented an article with eight steps to take to cut your debt. This was targeted towards consumer debt. Where you have home and credit card debt you need to get the credit card under control first! Go back and read that article (go to our website or contact me for a copy in need). Those eight steps equally apply in targeting home loan debt. Remember always to target highest cost debt first.

## 2. Review your interest rate

Yes, interest rates and loan options are complicated. That is one reason why approximately 70% of all home loans in Australia are now submitted to banks via mortgage / finance brokers who can advise you on what interest rates and

loans are available (at no charge to you!). Do not put your financial future in the too hard or too lazy basket, your loan should be reviewed every two years or when circumstances change.

Savings of thousands of dollars can be achieved. Don't complain about rates and banks if you have not tried to do anything about it yourself.

## 3. Review your repayments

Ensure your repayments are made by direct debit, from an account with buffer savings, removing monthly repayment stress. Then consider - are you only making the minimum repayments? Whilst interest rates have increased substantially, they are still low relative to previous decades. Are you able to make extra payments? Consider making fortnightly repayments of half the monthly minimum, that equates to paying an extra fortnight repayment every year!

#### 4. Offset account

With an offset account attached to your loan, every dollar every day in your transaction account saves you interest on your home loan, helping you pay it off faster! You need to know how this works and understand how it can work for you: If unsure, ask advice.

## 5. Rewarding yourself

Received a lump sum windfall? Inheritance, tax return, bonus pay or a win on the pokies – the best way to reward yourself may be to put it on the home loan: Do you really need those new shoes?

## 6. Stick to the plan – and ride out the setbacks

Keep going with your budget. Set a repayment plan, regularly review your position. Unexpected expenses will arise, it is how you deal with that situation which will determine your happiness, and your ability to say goodbye to your home loan.

#### 7. Debt Consolidation

Consolidating debts, such as credit cards or personal loans, into your home loan can mean paying an overall lower interest rate and improve your cash flow. For those with multiple debts who feel like they are losing control, this may be the best solution.

Remember, if you feel you're struggling to meet mortgage commitments it's best to act now, rather than let the problem spiral out of control. Speak with your mortgage broker today to explore how you can better manage your mortgage. We have recently been assisting many new clients coming to us for assistance in dealing with mortgage stress.

Integrity Finance Australia has been serving the Dingley Village community since 2006. If you have any questions or want to know what your options are with your borrowing capacity or your home loan, then please email support@ifafinance.com.au, or call us on 03 9511 8883.

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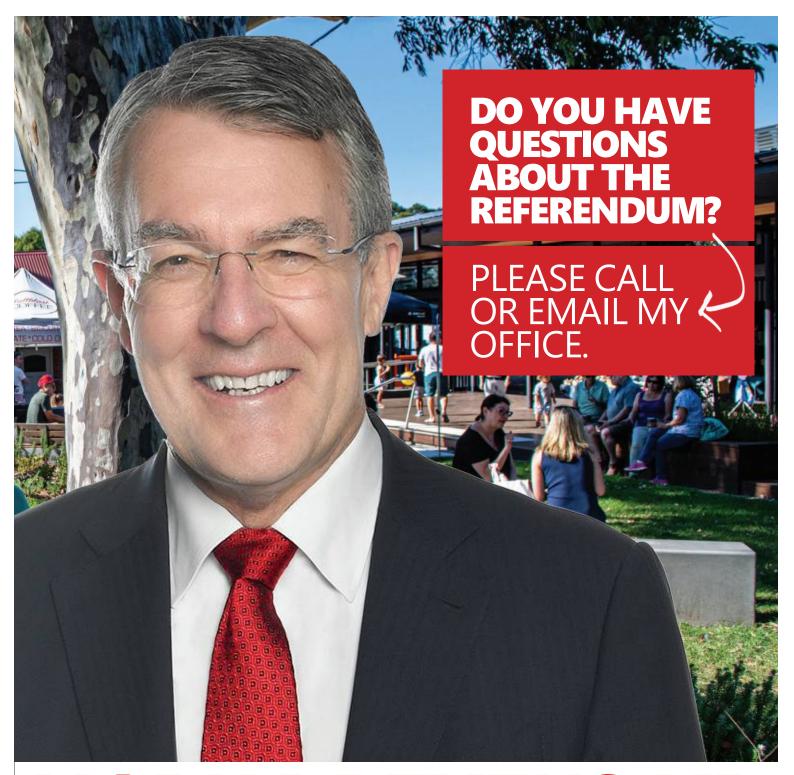


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# MEDICAL MATTERS

# I've been approved for a home care package but how do I choose a provider - and what if I want to switch?

## THE CONVERSATION

Academic rigour, journalistic flair

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So, you've been approved for a home care package. Congratulations! This government-funded program can provide you with much-needed assistance to stay independent and live safely in your own home. However, the process of getting started can be confusing and overwhelming. Which provider should you choose, how do you get the most out of your package, and what if you change your mind later? Here's what you need to know.

## What does a provider do?

A provider delivers aged care services subsidised by the Australian government - such as nursing care, personal grooming, home maintenance, meal preparation and transport - under a home care package. Your provider can help with decision-making, managing your package funding, and handling any fees or charges you may have to pay. Your choice of provider will be limited to those that service your area, their staffing levels, and possible waiting lists for different service types. My Aged Care's Find a Provider can provide more information about providers near you.

## Are there waiting periods?

Potentially. There may be a delay between receiving your approval for a home-care package and when one becomes available. This will be the same regardless of your choice of service provider. Occasionally, the service provider will be at capacity and not able to start the services you want as soon as your package starts. The only way to know is to ask the service provider directly.

## How does the provider work?

Providers all work differently. Some use case managers and assign staff members to you to provide consistency and familiarity. Others may be organised centrally, and different workers might attend each time you need that service. Some may come the same time each week, or day. Others may come on different days each week. Think through what's important to you and what your expectations are before you discuss your care with a service provider.

## What fees does the provider charge?

Provider fees are highly variable. Fee schedules are published on the My Aged Care website or can be requested from the service provider, but it is still sometimes quite hard to compare. If you can, try to compare:

- administration fees
- · care management fees
- service delivery fees (for example, do they charge per hour or per 15 minute block?)

- travel costs (for example, do they charge per kilometre travelled or a flat rate?)
- internal or third-party services (for example, do they use their own nurses or outsource it to another company that provides this care?)
- Writing these down or creating a spreadsheet can help with comparisons.

## What services do I get?

You get to choose how the funds in your home care package are spent, as long as they are broadly for health care. This choice can be daunting but try to think through what services best meet your care goals. Consider which services will best meet the long-term goal of staying healthy at home. The assessment completed prior to your approval is a good starting point for identifying gaps in your care. Ask yourself: "What will help me stay living at home longer?"

## Can I organise services outside of what the provider supplies?

Yes. However, they may not be covered through your home care package. Say you already have a trusted clinician and would like to continue to receive their care. You can discuss brokering through your service provider. If you have used up the funds in your home care package, you always have the option to pay privately. This won't affect your home care package. Likewise, you are still eligible to receive Medicare rebates, chronic disease management plans, and government-subsidised prescriptions while you're on a home care package.

## Can I review my package as time goes on?

Yes. You should review your package regularly to make sure it still meets your needs. You might need to change the mix of services, or you might realise you need more funding. If you have a case manager assigned to you, they can help you find the best options. Think about services you may be able to access outside of your package and what informal care might be available. This can take pressure off your package. If your care needs are still not being met, you may be eligible to apply for a higher level package, which you can discuss with your provider at any time.

## What if I want to change providers?

First, think about what issue you have with the current provider, whether you feel comfortable discussing your concerns with them, and whether switching will resolve the issue.

If you decide to switch, it won't cost anything. You need to provide between two and four weeks' notice for your package to transfer and you will generally need to contact My Aged Care to reactivate your code for the new provider yourself. Remember there may be waiting periods with the new provider and their fee structure may be different. Be sure to check the details of the new provider carefully to make sure they can support you to stay healthy at home.

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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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# EYES RIGHT ( )

## Cosmetics, anti-ageing and your eyes

For thousands of years, women have applied pigment and other "make up" products to the eyes and surrounding skin, dating all the way back to the Ancient Egyptians and their use of Kohl.

Fast forward to the 21st century and the vast number of cosmetic products available seems extraordinary - but how do you know which one to choose? Follow the below optometrist approved tips to preserve your eye health and look fabulous while you're at it!

- When choosing products, look for ophthalmologically tested makeup
- Be careful when applying makeup around the eyes; eye products should be applied
- outside the eyelashes and eyelid margin, and eyeshadow or cream products shouldn't be used right up to the eyelid margin.
- Replace products after three to six months or sooner if advised on the packaging
- Makeup should be effectively removed with an oil-based makeup remover
- Contact lenses should be inserted before makeup application and taken out before
- · removal of makeup
- Choose a mascara with a "tubular" formula, these contain polymers that wrap around the individual lash like a tube, unlike traditional formulas that coat each eyelash - this means less flaking and less irritation.

Cosmetics procedures have also gained popularity in recent times with eyelash tinting and extensions, eyelid tattooing and

cosmetics injectables becoming a part of many women's (and men's) beauty regime. While these options offer permanent solutions to aesthetic concerns, the ingredients used are worth noting with allergic reactions reported as the number one side effect and are most commonly encountered with lashes extensions and eyebrow tattooing (studies report prevalence of 79% and 56% respectively). Optometrist recommended considerations should include:

- We advise that magnetic false eyelashes are a good alternative to more permanent eyelash extensions.
- We recommend the use of eyelid and eyelash cleaning products with eyelash extensions.
- We warn against eyelid tattooing and advise the risks of reactions and infection.
- For all cosmetic procedures we advise patients to be cautious about the practice and clinicians they see, for example, excellent knowledge of facial vascular anatomy is very important for clinicians using dermal fillers and anti-wrinkle treatments.

Anti-ageing eye care and the use of cosmeceuticals can have a therapeutic effect on the eyes and surrounding skin, and often are used hand in hand with cosmetics to alter one's appearance. See the below list for what to use and what not to use according to an optometrist to prevent and protect your eyes from ageing - knowledge is power!

UV protection - prevention is always our first line of defence! UV radiation from the sun causes oxidative damage to the tissues surrounding your eyes resulting in dull, darker, thinner and more wrinkled skin. Always use a high quality facial sunscreen, even on an overcast day.

- Use products containing Vitamin C, E, B3 and green tea these antioxidant actives act by neutralising free radicals and preventing damage caused by UV radiation, smoking and pollution.
- Retinoids and Vitamin A derivatives should be avoided around the eye as it has significant irritation potential and can cause red, irritated eyes. Furthermore, steer clear of products containing retinoic acid as it can penetrate the eyelid's oil producing glands and cause dry eyes.

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How long have you been running Mona's Bakehouse?

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

We live around 30 minutes driving distance from Dingley Village but we feel like a big part of the local community. Dingley Village is a very friendly community and all our customers are so supportive, loyal, lovely and kind. After being here almost 20 years now, we have seen the community's growth.

What are some of your favourite items on the menu at Mona's Bakehouse?

Anything from our range of daily freshly baked gourmet pies and pastries or our range of gourmet sandwiches. For dessert, it probably would be our famous cream and custard fresh fruit flan or French vanilla slice!

What is something that you are personally passionate about, outside of your work at Mona's Bakehouse?

Spending time with my two kids ages 15 and 17. I am a busy mum who also enjoyes cooking and trying out new recipes.





## LOCAL SPORTS



## **Dingley Football Netball Club**



After a successful Round 9 visit to Bentleigh, the senior team turned for home with an 8 win, 1 loss record, which exceeded the expectations of many. Cheltenham, who are clear premiership favourites came to the Dingo Den on June 24 and inflicted our worst defeat in recent history as we were only able to field a patched upside missing many regulars, especially from our defensive six. We were more competitive against the Cranbourne powerhouse for most of the day in Round 10 before being completely overrun in the last quarter to suffer another loss.

At this stage, those two sides shape as our strongest opposition as we plan to get back on our previous path, but the trip to Port Melbourne Colts provided no joy either. Despite being in the game for most of the day and being only a kick or so in arrears during the last quarter, the home side proved too strong to finish five goals ahead at the final siren.

As I write, we eagerly await a visit from Springvale Districts on July 15. This game offers both sides a chance to consolidate a place among the top group in the senior grade. Season 2023 was always going to be one of rebuilding the senior group under a new coach and coaching staff and our results so far have been more than satisfactory given the

circumstances. I equate this year with the club's situation from just over a decade ago, when a new coach rebuilt the list with juniors from our Under 17s and Under 18s.

At this point of time many young players, including Under 19 Captain Jordan Letts, Mitch Cook, Joel Mc Graw, Zac White, Jake Gray, Max Cuddon and many of their young mates have been playing at senior level. These are the future of the club and will continue to be given the opportunity of becoming club greats like the Peets, the Walmsleys, Wonnacotts, Morwoods, Roccas, Morgans, Davidsons and Boyles from those years.

Rest assured, we intend to play a big part of finals action again this year in all grades, despite recent setbacks.

The effect of player shortages has a flow down effect of course and in some recent games our non-playing Reserves coach, Glen [Silver Fox] Goldsmith has pulled on the boots to make up the numbers. With just the bare 18 players against Port Colts, the Reserves fell just two points short of another win to show the spirit that exists among the group.

The next month will probably decide our fate and our likely ladder placings, but we look forward to regaining some vital personnel over that time. Keep up to date with our progress on either the SFNL or our own club website.

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## **Dingley Scouts**

It is said that all good things must come to an end, and sadly that is true for some of our overseas adventurers.



Ben, Sam, Jacinta and James have arrived safely home after what was only described as an 'awesome' time in Switzerland. These four arrived home exhausted but full of so many wonderful stories of their adventures and newfound friends from across the globe.

They joined scouts from countries such as The Netherlands, USA, Scotland, UK, Germany and Norway just to name a few. Together they climbed mountains, walked glaciers, tubed down mountains, and along rivers, and explored all the wonders



Kandersteg and its people had to offer. (I think there was even a local horse show.) They came together at campfires and danced and talked, entertained, and were entertained. They started the journey with strangers and ended with friends and kindred spirits. There is no denying this is a trip that they will remember for a lifetime.

To our final traveller, Kyle, who is in South Korea, we can't wait to hear about your adventures. We know that you will have some wonderful adventures and amazing stories to share. Things have been steaming along here on the home front too. All our sections have been planning for Term 3 and it's fair to say that - adventure awaits......

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

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



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

## WRITERS CORNER



## The Old Man by the River

I sat on a bench on the walkway by the river watching the old man fishing on a folding stool on the riverbank. He looked homeless hunched in a scruffy duffle coat. His hat lay on the ground, the crown up, showing a scattering of coins inside which, both anchored it against the wind and invited any passer-by to add to them in the unspoken way of the beggar.

He was sitting motionless, hunched over a handline, stoic and indifferent to the cold wind. A small terrier ranged freely around him sniffing at scents only he could discern. As a woman approached it moved back to him to stand guard at his feet. The woman was in her thirties dressed in a business suit seemingly on her way to work. She slowed as she drew near him her hand dipping into the matching handbag slung from her shoulder. The terrier sniffed at her patent leather shoes as she dropped a note into the up turned hat.

For the first time, the old man moved. He stood slowly, his hand coming out from his pocket to take hers. With no hesitation she shook his hand briefly and then moved off continuing along the walkway. As I watched her walk along the path, I noticed that she wobbled as her heels were not able to cope with the uneven nature of the path. A jogger coming toward me had to catch her as her heel caught in a pothole. Equilibrium restored; the jogger continued. The jogger was a man in his forties moving in the uncoordinated way of those new to jogging. The terrier ran out to meet the jogger running back with him then jumped up to rest his front paws on tracksuit covered calves as he stopped to drop a note into the upturned hat.

The hand was extended in thanks again. A guick handshake and the jogger loped off back the way he had come from.

I stood up ready to move on as I saw a scruffy youth approach the old man. This time the terrier bristled and bared its teeth to the young man. The lad knelt slowly, watching the dog warily, to add his contribution to the hat. The old man extended his hand in thanks. The scruffy lad shook it and then straightened to stand taller as he looked down at the foil packet in his palm. I approached the pair to identify myself as a Detective with the Drug Squad and stating that I was arresting them under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

I slowly pulled the handline in, memories stirring, winding it neatly back onto the retaining stick. It was heavy and the weight was explained when an aluminium water bottle tied to it surfaced. When opened the bottle proved to be the storage unit for his drug supply.

Based on the surveillance records it was estimated that the old man was taking up to \$1000 a day.

Lance R, 2023

## Dingley Village Writers Group

We need you! We are a small group who have been enjoying creative writing experiences and great casual conversation for a few years now. We meet each Wednesday morning at the DV Neighbourhood Centre - when it's not school holidays. Attend when you like and participate whenever you like, there is no cost. We have all improved our writing from learning from each other and if you want a tip or two, we can offer those too. Call 8512 0505 and leave your details. A member of the Writing Group will call or email, No obligations.



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# LYNNE FLEMING PAVILION



Springvale & District Women's Basketball Association (SDNA) held a celebration on Saturday 15th July acknowledging the naming of the netball pavilion and installation of signage in honour of Lynne Fleming.

Lynne Fleming was the longest serving President (1974 -1989), a Life member and a key an active member of SDNA outside her terms as President. In 1965 the Springvale & District Women's Basketball Association (SDNA) was officially formed. Located within the Springvale City Council electorate in the early years many meetings with the Springvale Council to give us a place where all teams could be catered for at the one venue.

Lynne was instrumental in sourcing the land in Rowan Road Dingley Village as at the time SDNA had no home to call its own. Lynne and other members approached Springvale Council to purchase the land and build the sixteen courts required to service our growing number of netball teams. Lynne and her committee were determined to be heard by council. They organised a protest consisting of all members with placards marching up Springvale Road to the door of the Town Hall. In the early 80's the Springvale City Council finally provided the land, and the Rowan Road Complex was completed in 1982.



At the official opening all teams participated in a march from the Springvale South Shopping Centre to the courts in Rowan Road. A band was hired for the occasion, and it pelted with rain from the beginning to the end of the march. Despite the rain the official ceremony took place, and the building was officially opened by Cr. Bill Warner with the President of the Association Lynne Fleming cutting the ribbon. From humble beginnings SDNA has continued to prosper and offer a valuable service to this community thanks to Lynne and her steadfast committee.

During periods where she was not president, Lynne remained either a committee member or volunteer. She was selfless in her endeavour to ensure that the young people of this area are able to enjoy their netball and follow their dreams. In later years she continued to contribute by assisting the Umpire and Representative programs. She remained an active member right up until the weeks prior to her passing. Sadly, Lynne lost her battle with breast cancer and passed away on February 17th, 2021.

The SDNA thanked all the SDNA community for attending the Lynne Fleming event and hoped that they all enjoyed the special day in honour of the great Lynne Fleming.

Thank you was also given to all the amazing volunteers that made the day happen. A special mention to Peta Young, Julie Poole, Shannon Fox, Chris Woolfe and the Lynne Fleming family. A big shout was given to SDNA life members, it was amazing seeing all these lovely faces back at SDNA again.



## **MENS SHED**



## It Just Gets Bigger and Better

The Dingley Village Farmer's Market on the third Saturday in the month just gets BIGGER and BETTER each time. With more stall holders, face painting, a great classical Spanish guitarist performing live and a superb variety of goods available for shoppers not even Winter's challenging weather can dampen the enthusiasm of Dingley residents. The word is spreading.

Manager Liz Thomas has achieved what many thought impossible. Not only are the purveyors of fine goods impressed but so too are the shoppers. This is a child and dog friendly fun occa-sion for the whole family. With bargains a plenty and early bird shoppers getting first go at all that is on offer this market is becoming a 'must attend' event. What might not be so obvious to the shoppers but is much appreciated by Liz and the stall holders, is the effort provided by the Dingley Village

Men's Shed (DVMS) in setting up and breaking down all the necessary comforts and infrastructure required to make each

market a success. We, the DVMS, are delighted to be a part of this impressive and growing community facility which benefits not only our local Dingley residents but with the 'secret now out' shoppers from other areas are coming to see what the fuss is all about.

So, don't miss out! This market is certainly worth your time and interest, not to mention the possibility of picking up a bargain. The pics of stall holders and DVMS crew are just a taste of what you can expect when you visit the next market day on Saturday August 19th.

On our early shift was Paul Brennan, Gary Munro, Jan Maslin and myself. On the later shift was Derek Johnson, Geoff Colquhoun, Herman Admiraal, Peter O'Leary, Ron Wood, Paul Brennan & myself. Just to show how versatile the DVMS support really is Geoff Colquhoun, Ron Tanner and I jump started a stall holders' vehicle so she could go home after the market. We got it all done just before the rain came. How's that for good timing!?!?

# CIRCLING THE CLUBS



Country Women's Association Dingley Village

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Rock your winter with the Dingley Village Country Women's Association (CWA) Winter Warmers stall at the Dingley Farmers Market on Saturday, August 19th from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm!! Looking for cosy knitted goodies to keep you and your loved ones warm this winter? Look no further! Our stall has got you covered with a fantastic range of hand-knitted items for the whole family.

Check out the fantastic selection of baby knits, including adorable hats and booties that'll turn your little one into the cutest snowflake on the block! For the ladies, we have an array of stylish scarves, beanies, and fingerless gloves to not only keep you cosy but also add a touch of fashion to your winter outfits. Gentlemen, we didn't forget about you! Our stall offers handsome scarves, beanies, and socks that will keep you warm and make heads turn with their stylish designs.

So come down to the Dingley Farmers Market and browse through our collection of winter essentials. Whether you're looking to bundle up your family or treat yourself to some irresistible knits, we've got everything you need to stay snug and stylish during the chilly months ahead. Don't miss out!

CWA Dingley Branch meets at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10am. If you need any further information about CWA or would like to consider becoming a member, please contact Sue **0434** 879 875.



## 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 10th of August and the September one is on the 14th. 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 26th of August. 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 - Have a happy new financial year.

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



At our July meeting the guest speaker was Paul Henderson, a volunteer of 40 years with Fire Rescue Victoria, his subject Senior Fire Safety. The Victorian Fire and Rescue services are committed to keeping communities safe, through sharing home fire safety strategies and information with Victorians.

Fire Rescue Victoria issue Home Fire Safety Booklets, featuring safety tips for people of all ages, plus these booklets can also be downloaded in many languages. <a href="https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/home-fire-safety-booklet">https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/home-fire-safety-booklet</a>

The club offers many activities for members to enjoy, and planned for August: Movie Day, Happy Hour, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, Legs and Morning Coffee, Morning Melodies, Dine Out, Craft Group and Games Day.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at The Salvation Army Kingston City, 13/12-16 Boulevard, Dingley Village. New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Jean on 0438 272 232.

## Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

Those who went to the "Running Rabbit" Museum, thought that the memorabilia was very interesting and had a nice time. They also enjoyed the luncheon at the Ferntree Gully Hotel afterwards. Because Members so enjoyed our Luncheon and Trivia Day so much, as was decided last month we held another one at the Club.

Club Activities arranged for August are as follows:

- 7th Bingo followed by afternoon tea;
- 14th Games and Cards followed by afternoon tea;
- 21st Our AGM followed by Bingo and afternoon tea:
- 28th Games and Cards followed by afternoon tea.

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

## **Dingley Village Historical Society**

We are open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. 10 - 12noon and during Dingley Village Farmers Market, 3rd Saturday of the month 8.30am - 1pm. (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

#### Spring Park YWCA Golf Club

A friendly welcoming group of ladies of varying standards meet at 7.45am for an 8.00am start on Monday mornings at Dingley's Spring Park Golf Course. Cup of tea & biscuit is shared after the round.

We play 9 holes & provide an excellent starting point for those who have completed golf lessons & are ready to hit the fairways.

Further information:

Jillian Sanders **0419 501 365** (Captain), Julie Westcott **0438 269 622** (President), Jan Boyes **0497 096 377** 



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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



Opening Hours and General Activities:

Day of Week	Open Hours	General Activities
Monday	9:00am - 1:00 pm	Metal Work, Wood Work, Art, Bicycle & Car Maintenance
Tuesday	9:00am - 12:00 pm 1:30pm - 3:30pm	A' Team workgroup & Bike Riding Group Photography
Wednesday	9:00am - 12:00 pm	Bike Riding Group & Music Group
Thursday	9:00am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	A' Team workgroup Pool / Snooker
Friday	9:00am - 1:00pm	Members Muster 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 www.dvms.org.au

#### 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

## 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 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

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.

## Italian Senior Citizens of Kingston - "La Baracca"

The Italian Senior Citizens of Kingston offer a two course homecooked lunch with coffee and biscuits every Wednesday and Sunday at 12 pm. \$17 for members, \$20 nonmembers. New members welcome.

All are welcome to socialise, play billiards, bocce and cards and once a month Sunday Bingo. The last Sunday of every month we hold a lunch dance at 12pm offering a three course meal with coffee and a live band. Booking essential Giovanna 0421 045 648.

## Keysborough & District Multicultural Senior Citizens Inc.

This over 55s club is located at 352 Cheltenham Road Keysborough and the following activities are available for members and visitors:

#### Tuesdays

Bingo on the 1st, 2nd and 4th of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry and \$1.50 book. Concerts with professional entertainers on the 3rd Tues of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3 entry.

A Bus, day trip to Phillip Island including entry fee to various tourist attractions are planned in lieu of Bingo on 25 July 2023. Lunch at own expense. Cost \$50.00 for members.

## Wednesdays

Line Dancing 1pm to 3pm \$6 entry.

#### Thursdays

Ballroom dancing lessons 12.30 to 1.00pm and Ballroom dancing from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. \$3 entry. Tea and coffee are supplied for all activities. Entertainment schedules arranged are: 20 June - Michael Reed and 18 July - Co Perkins

Club membership for F/Y 23/24 is \$10.00. Enquiries can be made to Julie on **0428 561 694**.

#### **Mentone Hub Activity Group**

We are a group of seniors who get together every Tuesday to play cards and various other games at the Mentone Hub in 29 Venice St, Mentone. We play Bingo very few weeks (for chocolates as prizes, not sheep stations), also Crazy Whist for similar prizes. We don't take it too seriously; the point is to enjoy ourselves. We are under the auspices of Kingston U3A, so if you are a member there, you are already paid up.

We start at 10am, BYO lunch, we supply tea, coffee, milk and biscuits and finish at 3pm. If you are registered with the Kingston Council for Home Help or other services, you can arrange to be picked up and bought home, we are happy to welcome new members.



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## **Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church**



Cnr. Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton Sunday services at 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion second Sunday of the month at 10.00 a.m.

All enquiries phone **0431 244 561** www.heathertondingleyuca.org.au

#### Our Vision and our Mission

To seek to connect people to God and each other.

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

#### What's On:

## 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 heathertondinglyunitingchurch@gmail.com.

**Wednesdays** – Prayer meeting at the church 9.00 – 9.30 a.m. If you have a

## 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 – 2.00 p.m. in the Church Hall followed by a cuppa.

## 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**.

## Third Saturdays On Even Months Of The Year

A special service for dog owners and lovers to which you can bring your dog. For further information contact Margaret on **0401 392 772** or Rev Deacon Andrea Mayes on **0408 65 939**.

## **Kingston City Church**



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

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

**Kingdom Kids** is our kid's ministry program that runs on Sundays during the morning service.

Our program caters for children from newborns to primary school age (prep - grade 6). We have four kid's rooms running each week. There is a Creche, Kinder Room, a Parent Room and our Primary Room. Each Sunday we have a dedicated team of youth leaders, helpers and parent volunteers who assist in running these rooms.

Our aim is to nurture and guide all our children into faith and a personal relationship with Jesus. We strongly believe that the children are a "Gift from the Lord and…a reward from Him" Psalm 127:3 and "All our children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace." Isaiah 54:13.

We are excited to see how the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of all the children in our Kids Ministry this year!

Pauline Martin-Nathaniel Kids Ministry Leader

## 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

www.villagechurch.org.au

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

#### Sundays

10.00 a.m. Worship Service at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via livestream through <a href="https://www.villagechurch.org.au">https://www.villagechurch.org.au</a> \*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 at the church. Monthly - This month is Monday 14th August; 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom Only. Contact office for link. and Saturday 19th August; 9-10am at the church.

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 2nd 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.

## Marriage & Family Support

For nearly 90 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 - Anglican **Church Dingley Village** 

Vision: "From within you shall flow rivers of living waters"

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## **Sunday Services**

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## Connect Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

## Youth Group Friday

Drop off 6:30 pm, pick up 9pm. Lots of fun and engaging activities for ages 12 to 18 years. Contact our office for details.

## 2nd Tuesday Monthly Service

2pm 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.

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Wednesday 1pm in the Heritage Church Saturday 8am in the Atrium. Healing, Deliverance & Prayer Ministry available upon request.

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#### Food Parcels Available

For those in need, upon request.

#### Pastoral Counselling

Please contact our parish office for details and bookings.

#### The Marriage Course

Coming to CCD. 7 Week marriage enrichment course, Thursday nights, 7pm-9:45pm, starting 3rd August. All welcome. Registration required. Please call the office for information or to book.

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

## The Salvation Army Kingston City 'You Belong'



13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village, Office Phone: (03) 9558 2045 facebook.com/KingstonCitySalvos www.salvationarmy.org.au/kingstoncity/

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## Hours of operation:

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#### **Echo Church**



Vision: 'heaven to earth'

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