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YOU ARE INVITED



**To the Dingley Village Community Information Night
to hear what is happening in Dingley Village**

Come along from 7pm to meet & greet other residents, our speakers, have a coffee and check out the information stalls.

Meeting starts 7.30 pm sharp with a close at 9.30pm. There will be time, after that, for informal 1 on 1 discussions, for those interested in learning more.

WHERE? @ Harold Box Hall in Library complex
31C Marcus Rd, Dingley Village.

This event is organised by the Dingley Village Community Association to inform the community on current issues and projects, which will affect residents of our Village.

There will be presentations by Council Officers and stakeholders, providing up to date progress reports. For more information & agenda see Dingley Village Community Association article inside this edition of the Dingley Dossier.

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER | 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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Zumba Gold with Norma

Zumba Gold is a low- impact dance fitness class perfect for beginners of all ages and fitness levels. Thurs, 9.30am -10.30am in the Harold Box Hall, \$10.00 per class. No need to book just come along.

Seniors Body and Balance with Norma

This class focusses on balance, ranges of motion and coordination. Thurs, 11am-12pm in the Harold Box Hall, \$10.00 per class No need to book just come along.

Social Table Tennis with John

Catering to all skill levels both men & women. Come along and join this friendly group. Mon, 9am & Wed 12.30pm in the Harold Box Hall \$3.00 per session. New members Welcome. No need to book just come along.

Writing for Pleasure

Beginners to Established. People write for many different reasons. Would you like to explore your creativity in a supportive group. Wed, 10am to 12pm in the Centre. Free drop-in group.

Social Art group

Art group for those who would like to finish off a project while having a chat and a coffee in the evening. Every Tues evening 6.30pm-8.30pm in the 'Craft Room', near the Harold Box Hall. Free Class, no need to book.

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.

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.

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. Bookings go to: www.safeseatssafekids.com.au

Collection Point

You can drop off the following items at the Centre: prescription glasses/ hearing aids, stamps & unused toiletries from hotel rooms. These items are then recycled for use by local service groups.

Playgroup Victoria for Dingley Village

Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am in the Harold Box Hall. 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.

Tai Chi with James

Tai Chi helps increase flexibility and balance. Wed 6.30 - 8.30pm in the 'Harold Box Hall'. To book phone 0430 570 460 or qigongsong@hotmail.com

Children & Adult Art Classes with Lesley: starts 14/11/23

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

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COMMUNITY

Remembrance Day

Due to building works at 31 Marcus Rd, the Rotary Club of Noble Park Dingley Village are unable to conduct a Remembrance Day Service. A Remembrance Day Service will be held at Noble Park RSL at 11am on Saturday November 11 in the memorial park adjacent to the RSL, 1128 Heatherton Rd, Noble Park, for those wishing to attend.



Moorabbin Airport Residents Association Inc (MARA)

The purpose of MARA is to represent the interests of residents near flight paths in and out of Moorabbin Airport whose wellbeing and amenity is impacted by aircraft noise. It aims to improve liveability and safety for nearby residents and to achieve a significant decrease in the noise levels over residential areas.

The Moorabbin Airport Master Plan 2021 has received approval by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in September 2023. MARA have been concerned about the lack of consultation with the local community, and especially residents in the area.

They are strongly concerned over the impact of noise and the failure to substantially attend to any concerns raised about the increase of aircraft noise over the years as the amount of aircrafts movements has increased. MARA made submission to the Master Plan review that aircraft noise is a negative environmental aspect, and every reasonable effort should be made to reduce its impact on affected communities.

Thank You

Many thanks to MADDV friend and supporter Les Trevena for helping in Make A Difference Dingley Village veggie patch. The members of the Men's Shed built the garden beds and propagated plants. Les is now at work transferring the veggie plants. We will keep an eagle eye out!



Advertising in the Dingley Dossier

Have you thought about advertising your business or services in the Dingley Dossier. Distribution is 4,500 across Dingley Village. Contact the editor, dingleydossier@dvnc.com.au details available www.dvnc.com.au/dossier

Special Dates in November

November

November raises vital funds and awareness for men's health, with a specific focus on prostate cancer and depression in men.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths for both sexes. This year alone, more than 14,529 new Australian families will be touched by lung cancer.

9th-15th November National Recycling Week

Founded in 1996, National Recycling Week brings a national focus to the environmental benefits of recycling.

1 November All Saints' Day

This Christian day honours saints, known and unknown. Saints are men and women recognised for lives of holiness and devotion to God or who were martyred for their faith.

11 Nov Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states. This day marks the anniversary of the armistice that ended the First World War (1914-18). Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am in memory of the millions who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

12 November Deepavali

(also known as Diwali and Tihar or the Festival of Lights) Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains all celebrate Deepavali (Diwali) In Sikhism Bandi Chhor Divas, or 'The Celebration of Freedom', commemorates the release in celebration with lamps being lit outside gurdwaras & sweets distributed to all. Diwali, is one of the most celebrated Hindu festivals, commemorating the victory of good over evil. Diwali means 'row of lamps/'

lights, and refers to the rows of lamps celebrants place around their homes or on top of temples. Diwali is India's annual festival of lights, celebrated throughout the nation. In Jainism it has special significance, as on this day Lord Mahavira gave his last teachings and attained ultimate liberation (nirvana)

16 Nov International Day for Tolerance

The United Nations' annual International Day for Tolerance fosters mutual understanding among cultures and peoples.

27 November Birth of Guru Nanak Gurburab

This day commemorates the birth of the founder of Sikhism and the first Sikh Guru and is one of the most sacred festivals in Sikhism. It is celebrated with large-scale gatherings. Candles, divas and lights are lit in Gurdwaras, in the honour of Guru along with fireworks.



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FARMERS MARKET



OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER



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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.

If you have not been before, you are missing out; pop in and see why many of Dingley Village residents love to shop at the Farmers' Market. Shop among the gum trees for your fresh seasonal produce. There are over 20 stalls in attendance each market providing both seasonal produce and complimentary produce and products.



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. [DingleyVillageFarmersMarket](#)

Let's continue to keep our markets dog-friendly by following some simple rules:

- Keep your dog on a short leash to prevent tripping hazards and tangles.
- Carry poop bags and pick up any doo-dos.
- Prevent your dog jumping on other shoppers or lifting its leg on stalls or shopper's buggies, bags etc.
- Leave your dog at home if they are still learning how to be polite and social.



The Farmers' Market runs as a community event to provide residents access to fresh Victorian produce and support Victorian producers. The Market is an activity of the Dingley village Neighbourhood Centre and does not operate for profit. Customer feedback, concerns and ideas are welcome, look out for Market Manager Liz.



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building works @
31B Marcus Rd**

DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Community Information meeting. All residents welcome.

Tuesday 21st November in the Harold Box Hall/Library, Marcus Rd.

Coffee & snacks served from 7.00pm for a prompt 7.30 start.

AGENDA

7.00pm - Meet, Greet & Mingle in Foyer of hall

7.30pm - Meeting commences

Welcome to Country read by the DVCA Secretary. On behalf of ALL speakers.

Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, address, Rob Guerra President Board of Governance

Kingswood Golf Course: Recent developments. Kevin Poulter SKG Paul Marsden/Jonathan Guttman KCC

Master Plan for development of the Spring Rd, park. Council, Emily Boucher KCC Manager of open space.

Hawthorn Football Club: current status: Michael Lin: General Manager - Commercial Strategy & Infrastructure, HFC

Amendment 203. Paul Marsden KCC, 3 storey in DV

Improvements to the streetscape of our shopping centre. Geoff Blake, DVCA & David Wang KCC

Raffle draw

9.30pm meeting close: With invitation to stay back & chat 1 on 1 with our speakers.

Fate of Kingswood golf course

What has been announced?

The Minister for Planning has approved the rezoning of the former Kingswood Golf Course site to General Residential Zone, which is expected to support around 800 homes.

"This decision provides certainty for the proponent but more importantly, for the broader community about the future of this site." (ed. ?????) The Minister did not approve the development plan that had been submitted by Aust Super.

Instead, the Proponent (new buyer), will need to prepare a new development plan, responding to key issues that have been identified by the independent Standing Advisory Committee.



That development plan will need to be approved by the Minister prior to any development occurring at the site. As part of the preparation of the development plan, the Minister for Planning will require further consultation to occur with the community, on the design of the proposed development before any further decisions are made.

What are the next steps?

Prior to any redevelopment, the Proponent must prepare a development plan in accordance with the new planning provisions, to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning. The development plan must be prepared and approved before a planning permit can be granted for new use and development.

Given the interest in this site and the issues raised by the SAC, the Minister will require further consultation to occur with the community on the design of the proposed development before any further decisions are made.

Reference website

<https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/news/articles/former-kingswood-golf-course-planning-scheme-amendment>

What can YOU do?

Write/ e mail the Minister for Planning, the Hon Sonya Kilkenny, stress that...

1. Dingley Village needs community infrastructure on the Kingswood site.
2. There must be a Nett Benefit to our community from any development
3. Retirement housing, an aged care facility, a preschool centre, better community
4. health services, such as an infant/ maternal centre, would all be welcome additions.
5. An absolute commitment to 20% USABLE open space for Dingley residents.

Moorabbin Airport Master Plan

A revised masterplan for Moorabbin Airport has been Federally approved. The revised plan removes a controversial proposal for commercial warehouses, in land dedicated to aviation purpose, in the airport precinct.

The Dingley Village Community Association sees the plan as "a lose-lose for Dingley Village". It guarantees continued aviation growth with no new measures to reduce aircraft noise or number of movements.

The plan also still supports major development across the whole of the airport site, just not encroaching on current land assigned to aviation. This has to reduce overall safety for everyone, pilots, passengers, employees, shoppers and nearby residents. A significant "buffer zone" is needed for emergencies. Remember the Essendon /DFO crash, 'lucky' only pilot & passengers died.

Kingston Council has stated "it is deeply disappointed that the masterplan continues to offer no protection for neighbouring homeowners who may face large scale warehouses towering over their homes."

The new Master plan is available at... [moorabbin-airport-2021-master-plan---approved---2.pdf](https://www.moorabbin-airport-2021-master-plan---approved---2.pdf) ([moorabbinairport.com.au](https://www.moorabbinairport.com.au))

DVCA membership is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village. Meetings are held in the Community Centre, 2nd Tuesday each month (except Dec. & Jan.) at 7.30pm. and new members are welcome.

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OUR COUNCIL

New dog park opens at Chadwick Reserve

Pooch owners of the south-east rejoice! Chadwick Reserve in Dingley Village is now home to an all- new and improved off-leash dog park.

The old off-leash area has been transformed into a 3000 square metre enclosed doggie haven, with new agility equipment, a large run about area, nature play features, a stick library, and everything pet owners need to enjoy a great outing with their pups, including dog waste bag dispensers and plenty of shelter and seating.

In a first for Kingston, the park has a separate area for small dogs who might prefer to play with others their own size. Mayor Hadi Saab said the new park is the latest way Kingston is supporting our pet owners across the city.

"We are an animal loving Council and committed to ensuring we are providing the best possible spaces for our furry friends to safely exercise and socialise," Cr Saab said.

The mayor said Chadwick Reserve is a great place to visit for non-dog owners too. "Council has invested heavily in the reserve over the past three years, to make it an inviting space for people of all ages to get active and spend time outdoors," Cr Saab said.

"We've done lots of planting to make it brighter, greener, and more welcoming, built a beautiful new pavilion, upgraded the basketball court and BMX track, and reconstructed the oval.

"A new barbecue, picnic table and shelter have been installed, and there is lots of seating and park benches throughout the reserve.

"The newly upgraded playground has been really popular with Kingston kids too, featuring all ages play equipment, including accessible swings and nature play elements.

"Chadwick really is a great place to be." To find your nearest park or reserve head to kingston.vic.gov.au/environment/parks-and-reserves



Josie Thornton is Kingston's Young Citizen of the Year

Robotics wiz and STEM advocate Josie Thornton is Kingston's Young Citizen of the Year for 2023. The 16-year-old Parkdale Secondary College student was selected from an outstanding group of seven finalists, representing our best and brightest young people.



Passionate and dedicated, Josie spends considerable time sharing her knowledge and mentoring and developing her peers. She is also a member of an all-female robotics team who were awarded the Regional Engineering Inspiration Award at a competition in Wollongong, enabling them to go to Houston in the United States to compete.

Kingston Mayor Hadi Saab said the annual awards are a wonderful celebration of the talents and achievements of our young people.

"We encourage our youth to take an active role in our community and we're proud to host this event to shine a light on their positive contributions," Cr Saab said.

"It's always inspiring to hear the stories of our outstanding nominees and how they are working hard to create better lives for themselves and others. This group are passionate about a cleaner, greener planet and are strong, resilient, outspoken advocates for improvements in their schools and communities.

"They have achieved great things across a wide range of fields and are each making our city an even greater place to be. Congratulations to you all."

The six other finalists included:

Naketra Mendes - Naketra is a talented graphic designer who has served for over two years with Kingston Youth Services' Universal Magazine. Now a senior member, Naketra guides newcomers on their journey with the magazine.

Tharial Ter - Tharial provides empathy, understanding, support, education, and routine to the young people in the community who have often fallen through the cracks - either by disengaging from school and society, or who have little or no relationship with their family members.

Caitlin Hughes - Caitlin was awarded the Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award in recognition of her personal efforts, school community engagement and achievements. This year she facilitated The Push Up Challenge - a nationwide campaign aiming to make a difference to mental health services across Australia.

Skye Sutton - Every recess and lunchtime Skye works tirelessly to pick up rubbish from the school grounds at Patterson River Secondary College. She has always been passionate about the environment around her and keeping it clean from litter.

Olivia Ayyuce - Olivia is passionate about creating an inclusive and engaged school community. She leads by example, and actively supports and participates in numerous programs at Mentone Girls Secondary College. She has championed many issues including, green initiatives and assisted in running the Big Freeze (MND) campaign.

Harley Wood - Harley has been volunteering at Universal Magazine for the last year. During this time, he has consistently put his hand up to be editor of the magazine. His supportive nature ensures that the Universal Magazine members are always heard and are contributing to the content.

The Youth Awards are open to young people aged 12-25 who have a strong connection to Kingston. To find out more head to kingstonyouth.org.au/2023-youth-awards.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day Service 11/11/2023



With major construction works of the Stage 2 Dingley Village Community Precinct programmed at the Community Centre in Marcus Road, the Rotary Club of Noble Park-Dingley has decided not to hold a Remembrance Day Service this year. However, if it is possible to access the site anyone wishing to lay a wreath at the memorial may do so.

In lieu of a service we are publishing an article titled "Courage" written by Bridgette Veneris a student from Kilbreda College who gave a very uplifting speech to our members earlier in the year.

A Remembrance Day Service will be held at Noble Park RSL at 11am on Saturday November 11 in the memorial park adjacent to the RSL, 1128 Heatherton Rd, Noble Park, for those wishing to attend.

Courage – By Bridgette Veneris

On Remembrance Day we gather to honor and pay tribute to the men and women who displayed immense courage to fight for us. The courage shown by these men and women is a testament to their selflessness, resilience, and unwavering spirit, and is as an inspiration to us all. As we reflect on the profound acts of bravery displayed by those who have served our country, I think of the courage they displayed and how we too can demonstrate courage in our everyday lives.



All of us have had to display courage at some stage. Courage is the catalyst that helps us move forward, leaving these obstacles in our rear view. And I'm sure when faced with trying situations we have all found this difficult, found it hard to display courage in the face of adversity, because having courage is no simple task, it requires resilience, determination and motivation.

Courage is not limited to the battlefield but is displayed in the everyday acts of bravery that we often take for granted.

Courage is the ability to do something that frightens oneself; it's bravery. It's tough to have courage, hard to face your fears, as fears are what keep us human, what keeps us out of harm's way. If something frightens us, we will avoid it, avoid that panic and worry embedded in us ready to jump out when we approach that daunting obstacle, our fears warn us of its dangers. So, fears are formed to protect us. It becomes difficult however, as no matter how hard you try to avoid them you eventually come face to face with something that might scare you, whether that is a test for a class you are struggling in, a difficult situation at work, an argument with your friends or something much more difficult.

Eventually, fears become reality, and eventually we are going to have to face them and in doing so express bravery and courage. Having courage gives us the ability to overcome our fears and move forward in life rather than coming to a standstill when things get difficult.

Courage is a quality that resides within us all, regardless of age, gender, or background. It is the ability to face adversity, to persevere in the face of fear and uncertainty, and to stand up for what we believe in, even when the odds seem insurmountable. Having courage is like having a superpower, it acts as a shield from things that may seem frightening, it heightens our strength giving us the power to persevere even when things get tough.

When I was 8 years old, I was diagnosed with leukemia, I was told that if I hadn't gone to the hospital the night I had I would have died the next day, I was only 8, having a sleepover with my best friend the night I found out, and looking back on that time of my life I think of a frightened 8-year-old. I lost all my hair, a side effect from the medicine, my cheeks looked like chipmunk cheeks from all the steroids, and I was always tired from the drugs they were continuously pumping into me. The journey was hard, 2 and a half years of chemotherapy, steroids, pain and hospitals.

Every single day I wished I hadn't gotten leukemia. I wished I could be normal and play sport and dance and have hair and not be called a boy. But here I am standing here today in front of all of you with the opportunity to talk to you about courage, a trait I hold near to my heart, as without courage my agonizing 2 and a half year journey would have been that much harder. I displayed immense amounts of courage as I woke up each day with a smile on my face, I displayed courage when I made friends in the hospital, making the best out of a bad situation, I displayed courage when I went through something no child should ever go through. Courage is necessary for survival, necessary for overcoming fears and for moving forward in life, as without the courage I had during my cancer journey who knows where I would be today. Courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to face it head-on. It was finding strength in the midst of weakness, and summoning the determination to keep going when things were hard. It was a daily choice to keep fighting, no matter how tough the battle seemed.

Courage is an admirable quality, one that is hard to have but necessary in order to grow and thrive in this world. We must honour those fallen soldiers, those who displayed immense amounts of courage and bravery by too displaying acts of courage every day. Smile at that stranger walking down the street, be vulnerable in a conversation with someone, just get out of bed and do a small activity for the day, these are small but mighty acts.

I know you have now heard about the importance of courage and how necessary it is for survival, it saved me in hospital. I now urge you all to do one courageous act a day and observe how much of a difference it really does make, and recognise and acknowledge courageous acts of others, Remembrance Day is about recognising the courageous acts of fallen soldiers and remembering their courage, I remember the courage I had to endure 2 and a half years of chemotherapy, I remember, bravery of all those kids in the hospital, I remember the courage those doctors had to continue researching and treating kids with cancer.

I remember and am grateful for the value of courage as without it who knows where any of us would be today.

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LOOKING AT LOANS



Buying Property With Friends

Interest rate increases have most likely peaked, drawing property purchasers back to the market. But many are left asking: "How can we possibly afford to get into this market?"

This is particularly the case with singles. Home loan prices are continually bid up by couples with 2 incomes. The tax benefit alone of a dual income family makes an enormous difference to the disposable income available to pay to a mortgage. Being a de facto or same sex couple is no hindrance at all – but being single is tough!

One creative way to overcome being locked out of the property market is to look at buying with a group of friends. It can also be a minefield though, so here are some hints on how to avoid an explosion which could destroy not just your wealth, but your friendships as well.

It will be an exciting time. You join in a life-changing moment which will put everyone on a bit of a high. But that is exactly when you need to plan for situations in which things might go wrong. It's essential you have all been completely upfront from the start about what you want to achieve by purchasing property together, as well as your personal expectations about timelines for purchasing the property, paying it off and selling it. And all of this must be documented in a co-ownership agreement.

You need to engage a solicitor or conveyancer with experience in working on co-ownership

agreements, who can advise and create yours and make sure it is suitable, providing the necessary legal protection for everyone involved. The big question will be what structure your ownership takes. There are two options: joint tenants and tenants in common. Joint tenancy is the most common ownership structure in Australia, as it is how most family homes would be owned. However, because friends are less likely to share assets and long-term debts than a couple, and less likely to will their assets to each other, the 'tenants in common' model would usually be more suitable for this situation.

Under this model, each person owns a specified share of the property's value. The purchase of each share can be with a varying combination of deposit and bank loan. These shares in the property may be equal, but do not need to be. So, if you are willing to contribute \$500,000 to the price of a property, but your two friends can only contribute \$250,000 each, you could own a 50% stake while they each own a 25% stake.

Keep in mind, each stake is in the property's value, not control of the property. Legally, under this model, each owner has the right to full access to the entire property.

The co-ownership agreement should set out how the costs of maintenance and insurances are divided, as well as how sale proceeds will be divided. It should also cover plans for depreciation and capital gains tax, choosing tenants or determining rent, selling a share of the property (otherwise there are no restrictions on this under the tenants in common model), and selling the property altogether. If all purchasers are planning to occupy the property, the agreement should

make plans for if one wants to move out but continue their ownership. Under the tenants in common co-ownership structure, the other owners would not be obligated to pay rent to the one who has moved out, as long as they are not restricting that co-owner's access to the property.

There are many more considerations when buying property jointly, so speak to us early on to make sure you're doing it the right way.

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Congregation members watch as Geoff Serpell (left) presents the awards to Rev. Deacon Andrea Mayes and Margaret Hause

Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church has received two prestigious environmental awards for its climate and environmental action commitments, including its unique focus on ministry to dogs and their owners.

Rev. Deacon Andrea Mayes says, "For 10 years we have had a bi-monthly morning tea called Bark and Chat, which regularly raises money to help other animals through RSPCA. In 2023 we started a bi-monthly Dog Church service, where we think about how dogs can connect us with God and encourage us to care for the broader natural world."

She explained that the church, "has been on the journey to become environmentally friendly for a very long time. We installed a 4kW solar panel system and solar hot water in 2012. In 2021 we installed energy efficient lighting throughout our building.

In 2022 we applied for a grant through Sustainability Victoria's Community Climate Change and Energy Program to replace 4 old gas heaters in the church with two energy-efficient split system reverse cycle heaters/air conditioners. These were installed in early 2023. These larger actions have been accompanied by smaller actions such as only having our urn/hot water turned on when we are using it and making sure all appliances are turned off at the wall after use."

The church has also been holding regular eco-worship services on Sunday morning, with the highlight being Sunday, 30 June this year, when a special National Tree Day event was held and the broader community were invited to join the congregation for an

eco-service followed by tree planting and morning tea.

The Basic Certificate and Eco Worship Awards were presented to the church on behalf of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards by Geoff Serpell, a member of Leighmoor Uniting Church (who received their Five Leaf Eco-Awards Basic Certificate award in September).

He said, "It's wonderful to be able to celebrate with Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church, share what we have done at Leighmoor, and build each other up so that both our communities can aim higher as we work towards the next awards in the program."

The Five Leaf Eco-Awards are an ecumenical environmental change initiative for Australian churches and religious organisations founded in 2008

to assist, inspire and reward churches for environmental action.

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Lung Cancer

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths for both sexes and is responsible for almost one in five cancer deaths in Australia. It is estimated that more than 14,700 people were diagnosed with lung cancer in 2023. The average age at diagnosis is 72 years old.

What is lung cancer?

Lung cancer starts when abnormal cells grow and multiply in an uncontrolled way. Cancer that begins in the lungs is called primary lung cancer. If cancer begins in another part of the body and spreads to the lungs it is known as secondary or metastatic cancer in the lung.

What are the risk factors for lung cancer?

A risk factor is any factor that is associated with increasing someone's chances of developing a certain condition, such as cancer. Some risk factors are modifiable, such as lifestyle or environmental risk factors. Others cannot be modified, such as inherited factors and whether someone in the family has had cancer.

Having one or more risk factor does not mean that you will develop cancer. Many people have at least one risk factor but will never develop cancer, while others with cancer may have had no known risk factors. Even if a person with cancer has a risk factor, it is usually hard to know how much that risk factor contributed to the development of their disease.

Factors that are associated with a higher risk of developing lung cancer include the following:

Lifestyle factors

- Current or former tobacco smoking – this is the greatest risk factor for lung cancer. The risk is greatest for people who begin smoking early in life, smoke for longer and smoke more often.

Environmental or occupational factors

- Exposure to second-hand smoke (passive smoking).
- Occupational exposures, such as exposure to radon, asbestos, diesel exhaust and silica. Exposure to asbestos also increases the risk of developing mesothelioma, which starts in the lining surrounding the lungs (the pleura).
- Exposure to air pollution.

Personal factors

- Increasing age.
- Family history of lung cancer.
- History of chronic lung disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and pulmonary fibrosis.
- Personal history of cancer, including lung cancer, and head and neck cancer.
- History of radiation therapy to the chest for other cancers.
- Infection with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)
- Certain gene mutations.

If lung cancer is found at an earlier stage, there is more chance of a better outcome. It's important to know the symptoms of lung cancer as although lung cancer occurs mostly in people aged 60 and over, it can affect people of any age. New and constantly evolving treatments such as immunotherapy are likely to continue to improve outcomes for people affected by lung cancer.



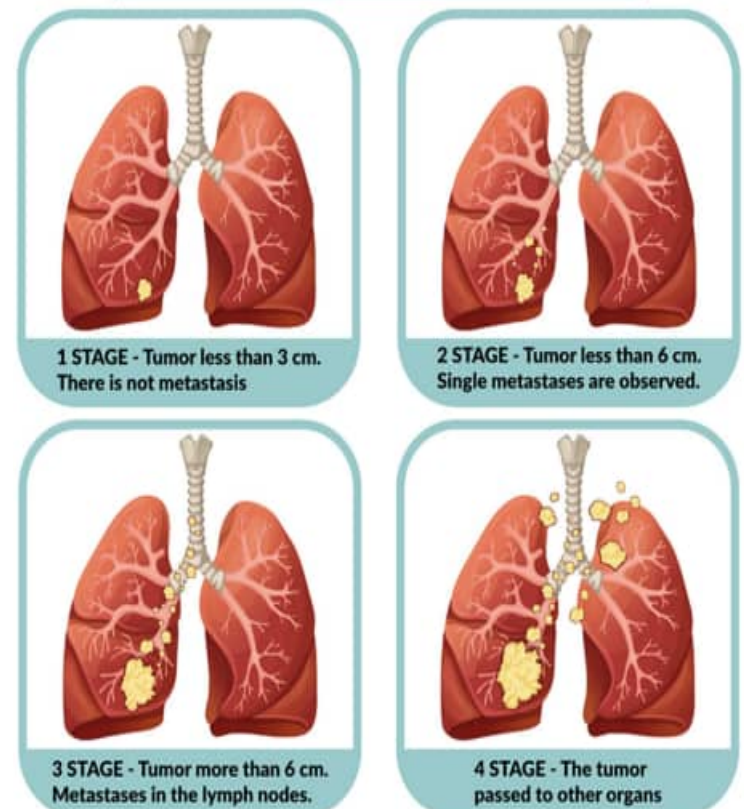
What are the symptoms?

- coughing up blood
- a new or changed cough that doesn't go away
- chest pain and/or shoulder pain or discomfort – the pain may be worse with coughing or deep breathing
- trouble breathing or shortness of breath
- hoarse voice
- weight loss
- loss of appetite
- chest infection that doesn't go away
- tiredness or weakness

Many conditions can cause these symptoms, not just lung cancer. Anyone can get lung cancer, even if they have never smoked. If you have any of these symptoms and they are persistent, talk to your doctor.

Information in this article was provided by Cancer Australia and the Cancer Council.

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Volunteers support seniors living in either private homes or aged care facilities, with visits taking place weekly or fortnightly. For recipients living in private homes with family, volunteers can also provide opportunities for carers to have valuable respite.

"I met the amazing Heather, 82 years young, during lockdown in August 2021. We immediately hit it off via video call until we were finally allowed to meet in person and go for a socially distanced, masked-walk a few months later."



"It's funny because if you ask me, I get more from our visits than Heather. But Heather will tell you differently of course. She's cheeky like that. I decided to volunteer because I wanted to give back to the community and hopefully make someone's day just a little brighter."

"By visiting Heather, I ended up making my own days brighter in the process. I had lost my Mum in 2016 to cancer and missed her every day. I soon discovered that having someone as beautiful and kind as Heather in my life, felt as though I had a Mum again."

"I have met all Heather's family now, her daughters have even called me their honorary sister and Heather proclaims that she is my surrogate Mum. I can't tell you how special it is for me to be a part of Heather's life and I know she loves having me in hers (she tells me every day). I'm volunteering my time but what I get in return is truly priceless."

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- Kara, BHN volunteer

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Keratoconus: Causes, Symptoms and Treatment Options

Keratoconus is a relatively rare eye condition that affects the cornea, the clear front surface of the eye. While it may not be as well-known as other eye conditions, such as cataracts or glaucoma, keratoconus can significantly impact a person's vision and quality of life.

What Is Keratoconus?

Keratoconus is a progressive eye disorder characterised by the thinning and bulging of the cornea into a cone-like shape. Normally, the cornea is shaped like a dome, helping to focus light into the eye and onto the retina. However, in individuals with keratoconus, the cornea becomes weak and starts to protrude outward, leading to distorted vision.

Causes of Keratoconus

While the exact cause of keratoconus is not fully understood, it is believed to be influenced by a combination of genetic, environmental, and hormonal factors. Some possible contributing factors include:

- Genetic predisposition: There is evidence to suggest that keratoconus may run in families, implying a genetic component.
- Eye rubbing: Frequent and vigorous eye rubbing is thought to increase the risk of developing keratoconus, as it may weaken the cornea over time.
- Hormonal changes: Some hormonal imbalances, such as those that occur during puberty or pregnancy, may play a role in the development or progression of keratoconus.
- Allergies: Chronic eye allergies can lead to persistent eye rubbing, which, in turn, may contribute to the development of keratoconus.

Symptoms of Keratoconus

Keratoconus typically starts during the teenage years and progresses gradually. Common symptoms include:

- Blurred or distorted vision: The cone-shaped cornea causes light to be scattered, leading to blurred or distorted vision, often described as "ghosting" or "double vision."
- Increased sensitivity to light (photophobia): People with keratoconus may be more sensitive to light, which can be uncomfortable and make it challenging to be in bright environments.
- Frequent changes in prescription: As the condition progresses, individuals may require frequent changes in their eyeglass or contact lens prescriptions to maintain clear vision.
- Irregular astigmatism: Keratoconus often results in irregular astigmatism, which can be difficult to correct with regular glasses or contact lenses.

Treatment Options

The treatment of keratoconus depends on the severity of the condition and the individual's visual needs. Here are some common treatment options:

- Glasses and soft contact lenses: In the early stages of keratoconus, glasses or soft contact lenses can often provide adequate vision correction. However, as the cornea continues to change shape, these options may become less effective.
- Rigid gas permeable (RGP) contact lenses: RGPs are specialised contact lenses that provide a more rigid and stable surface for the cornea. They can often improve vision in individuals with mild to moderate keratoconus.
- Scleral lenses: Scleral lenses are larger, gas-permeable lenses that vault over the entire cornea and rest on the sclera (the white part of the eye). They can provide better vision and comfort for individuals with more advanced keratoconus.
- Corneal cross-linking: Corneal cross-linking is a minimally invasive procedure that involves applying special eye drops (riboflavin) to the cornea and then exposing it to ultraviolet light. This strengthens the cornea and may slow or halt the progression of keratoconus.
- Corneal transplant (keratoplasty): In severe cases of keratoconus where vision cannot be adequately corrected with other methods, a corneal transplant may be recommended. During this surgery, a damaged cornea is replaced with a healthy donor cornea.
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Keratoconus is a challenging eye condition that can significantly impact an individual's vision and quality of life. While there is no cure, various treatment options are available to manage the condition and improve visual function. Early detection and intervention are crucial in slowing the progression of keratoconus and maximising visual outcomes.

If you suspect you have keratoconus or experience any of the associated symptoms, it's essential to consult with an eye care professional for a proper diagnosis and personalised treatment plan. With the right approach, many individuals with keratoconus can lead fulfilling lives with improved vision.

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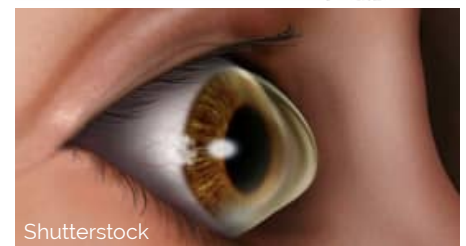
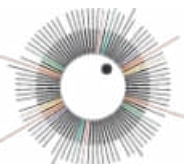
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Dingley Football Netball Club



Both the football and netball seasons have now completed with outstanding results considering the lack of facilities available at Souter Oval. The Senior, Reserves and Under 19 football teams all competed in their final series and our netballers continue to go from strength to strength.

A short rundown of the club's major individual award winners is as follows:

- **Football Senior Best and Fairest [David Lee Medal]:** Lochie Benton.
- **Reserves Best and Fairest:** David Cowell.
- **Under 19 Best and Fairest:** Owen Chugg.
- **Thirds Best and Fairest:** Colin Craney.

Netball Most Valuable Players: Bella Hodgson, Marty Cooper, Danielle Kawana, Hanna Sinclair and Zoe Severin. David Cowell also won the SFNL Reserve Grade Best and Fairest Award.

Jordan Letts was the joint winner of the SFNL Under 19s Best and Fairest award [Sparrow Medal] despite playing thirteen games in the senior team. That is an amazing effort from a terrific young player, typical of the younger group.

Four Senior players, Lochie Benton, Nathan Freeman, Kristen Feehan and Lachie Lambie were also selected in the SFNL Team of the Year.

Congratulations go to all of the above individual winners, but the real winners are all the coaches, players and volunteer support staff in all grades of both sports. Our results were accomplished under the most difficult of circumstances and unfortunately the delay in the progress of the Sports Cub facility looks likely to continue well into the 2024 season.

Rest assured that progress into 2024 football operations continues at a cracking pace, with players and coaches already re committing for next year in the football arm of the club.

Brad Collins has been appointed the 2024 Football Operations Manager and he is looking for an Under 19s coach for next year. See the club website for details. Importantly, A.J Ballantyne will again be head coach of both the Division One and Two Netball teams.



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Dingley Scouts

Things have been pretty busy at the hall this month. Some of our Venturers attended a fundraiser held by fellow Knox District Venturers. There were prizes for best dressed, cool moves on the dance floor and lots of fun and laughter had by all. Plus, all funds raised were going to support Headspace. Venturers are also gearing up for their next big event Vic Gathering. But more on that next month.



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

Scouts have loved planning this terms program. They had a visit to GESAC where many completed their water safety badge. That was topped by a MasterChef night – with some great talent on show and for some new skills learnt. Feeling a bit nostalgic, they also held a zoom night. Our cubs enjoyed a 'Penny hike' where the fall on the coin decided which direction they headed. Lots of fun for everyone, and happy to report they all made it back to the hall safely. They have also been busy learning their knots and always a popular night, outdoor campfire cooking. November is looking to be another fun month for all our sections, with archery, kite making, water fights, survival skills, cycling and more.



WRITERS CORNER



Wuthering Heights - Kate Bush

Out on the wily, windy moors.
 We'd roll and fall in green.
 You had a temper like my jealousy.
 Too hot, too greedy.
 How could you leave me.
 When I needed to possess you?
 I hated you. I loved you, too.

It was no secret that this song was influenced by the 1847 Emily Bronte novel of the same name. Bush read the book and discovered that she shared her birthday with Emily Bronte. She wrote the song aged eighteen in 1977 and it was released as the lead single from Bush's debut album 1978. Apparently, the record company were not keen that it was the lead, but Bush was determined and, in the end, got her way. It peaked at number one on the UK Singles Chart for four weeks. It also reached the top of the charts in Australia and several other countries throughout the World. Wuthering Heights received widespread acclaim and continues to be highly regarded to this day. A song about a famous British Novel - who would think of that being such a success.

At the time I thought I have to read the book. It was a difficult book to read and at times could be confusing and I am not sure that I finished it. It did help me to understand how Bush interpreted the story. The first lines of the song "Out on the wily, windy moors we'd roll and fall in green" In the video of the song Bush is shown dancing in a grassy area in Salisbury Plain. The name Wuthering Heights refers to the name of a haunted farmhouse in an exposed moorland location. In the story Bronte teaches you that everyone has a bad side. There are no virtuous characters in the book - all of them are capable

of good and evil, just like real people. "Wuthering Heights" is sung from the perspective of the two main characters Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw. Catherine dies and comes back as a ghost for Heathcliff's soul and breaks his window with her hands. She has come back so they can spend eternal life together. As in Bush's lyrics 'Heathcliff, it's me, I'm Cathy' 'I've come home, I'm so cold Let me in your window' Heathcliff, it's me, I'm Cathy'. Their love is bound for failure from the beginning, and she dies and haunts him until he joins her.

The song is hauntingly beautiful, it captures the atmosphere of the book, love and loss, passion and possession along with death in the Gothic setting of the bleak house upon the wily windy moors.

Literature has always played a role in Bush's creativity. At one stage she was creating a song called "The Sensual World" inspired by Molly Bloom's speech towards the end in Ulysses by James Joyce. The Joyce Estate refused her the rights to use the work. However, many years later the Joyce Estate changed their mind and granted her license. She reworked the song and called it "Flower of the Mountain". The copyright is due to run out on Ulysses very soon.

Tony Coyle 2/2023

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On 1 September 2023, it was announced that Expressions of Interest (EoI) are being sought for the sale of the site.

The website will publish the latest information about the sale process, maintenance, tree, and site management. There are also contact details for those with queries.

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Country Women's Association Dingley Village



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Get ready to kick off the festive season with CWA Dingley Village's Annual Christmas Stall! Join us at Woolworths, Dingley Village on Saturday December 9th from 9am until sold out for a fantastic Christmas shopping experience. Remember cash only.

Our talented members have been crafting and preparing all year to bring you unique, one-of-a-kind, hand-made Christmas gifts. From knitted baby items, beautiful aprons, knitted knee rugs, tea cosies etc, we have everything covered to help you cross off your holiday shopping list. But don't forget our baked and sweet treats and preserves!

The best part? All the money raised will go towards supporting regional charities like the RFDS and our local Food Bank. By shopping with us, you're not just buying a gift for your loved ones, but you're also making a positive impact in the lives of those in need. Mark your calendars for December 9th and make sure to stop by our stall for some holiday cheer and giving back to the community. See you there!

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 9th of November. 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 25th of November. 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**.

Probus Club Dingley Central



Our day tour was a visit to the Yakult factory in Dandenong. We then travelled to Main Street Mornington to wander through the Market Stalls, then onto Kirks Hotel on the Esplanade for lunch. The day was enjoyed by all.

Our guest speaker at the September meeting was Keith Maxwell, his topic Interplast and Rotary changing lives together. Since 1983 Rotarians throughout Australia have supported Interplast and have raised sufficient funds to send teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists nurses and allied health professionals, to visit hospitals in developing nations across the Asia Pacific.

They also provide post operative care, and rehabilitation to patients in desperate need, who otherwise could not afford or access this life changing care. Keith presented a very moving film of patients, mostly children recovering from successful operations for cleft lip palate and burn scar contractures. Activities for November: Happy Hour, Camera Club, MTC, Legs and Morning Coffee, iPad Group, Wine Tasting, Day Tour, Men's Lunch, Morning Melodies, 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 most welcome. Please contact Jean for further information on **0438 272 232**.

Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

Warm one minute, cold, wet and windy the next. Welcome to Melbourne's Spring weather. Nevertheless, we hope that you can make the most of it. On Monday the 6th of November, there will be no arranged activity because we have been notified that the Hall will be closed.

Activities arranged for the rest of November are as follows:

- 13th – Bingo followed by afternoon tea.
- 20th – Committee Meeting, followed by Games, Scrabble, Cards and afternoon tea.
- 22nd – (a Wednesday) Seniors Social Lunch to be advised; and
- 27th – Bingo followed by afternoon tea.

For more information, contact our President, Margaret, on **9580 4321**, or our Vice President, Joan, on **9551 8828**.

Dingley Village Historical Society

The Society is pleased that many local people visit the Society on Farmers Market Day and have an interest in the Society and Dingley's past. We welcome all to visit with us, and membership forms are available. It is often that our visitors have information to share, regarding the Village, and its past and its present. We are about to publish our book

– Dingley – Journey to the Village – thanks to the generosity of the Bendigo Bank."

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.

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 guest speakers and enjoy our monthly social outings. VIEW (Voice Interests, and Education of Women) Clubs support The Smith Family and their Learning for Life Programme which provides education for vulnerable Australian children. Australia has over one million children living below the poverty line.

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club are currently sponsoring 7 Children with their education. Women from all walks of life are most welcome to join us please contact Fran Thomas for further information. franniet@gmail.com or 0419 309 931. Meeting; Second Tuesday of the month at 10am. Where: Keysborough Golf Club, 55 Hutton Rd Keysborough, easy parking.

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 non-members.

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

Wednesdays - Line Dancing 1pm to 3pm \$3 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 21 November - Sandi Dodd. Club membership for F/Y 23/24 is \$10.00. Contact is Jo on 0409 944 133.

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 (Secretary)



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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Young Adults

At Kingston City Church kicked off with a bang in 2023 averaging 30 in attendance each week - twice the average attendance as that to last year.

Pr Dan and Rose did a wonderful job leading Young Adults in 2022 despite his hectic schedule as Senior Pastor and State Chairman. About half-way through 2022, Pr Dan and Rose began praying that God would raise up a Young Adult leader to take the ministry over from them. By the end of the fourth quarter, God began appointing the Young Adult leaders, one by one and independently from each other.

By the start of 2023, four people with a strong call from God, confirmed their role and these four now make up the Young Adult Leadership team.

It has been an exciting year of growth and development with much food and fellowship built within the program. In August, fifteen Young Adults took up the opportunity to attend the YA Fiji Missions trip led by Pr Dan. It was an amazing experience with God moving mightily with signs and wonders and increasing our faith in Him.

Young Adults operates from Kingston City Church every Wednesday (except school holidays) from 7pm-9:30pm. If you are aged between 18-30 years and would like to fellowship with like-minded believers, then you are invited to join.

For more information please contact Carlo - carlo@crm.org.au or call **03 8551 6610**.



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 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.

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 Even 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 Saturday On Odd 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 93**.

Special Service On Sunday, 19th November

A special service for dog owners and lovers to which you can bring your dog will be held at 10.00 a.m. This service is to appreciate and give thanks for what our dogs do for us. All welcome. Further information: Margaret on **0401 392 772** or Rev Deacon Andrea Mayes on **0408 65 939**.

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 <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 at the church. Monthly - Contact Church for times and dates.

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 4.30pm (BBQ and study)

Young Adults' Life Groups

Fortnightly on Wednesday evenings 7.00pm.

Youth Group

Every Friday night during school term 7pm till 9pm. Youth group not held during school holidays. Please contact the office for further details.

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" John 7:38

CCD celebrated 150 years in September. Thank you to those who joined us for our 150TH Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday 24th September.

Sunday Services

8.30 AM (Heritage Church) Holy Communion Service. 10.30 AM (Auditorium) Worship Service with Kids' Church.

Connect Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

Youth Group Friday

Drop off 6:30 pm, pick up 9 pm (sign-in essential) Lots of fun and engaging activities for ages 11 to 17 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 a social

afternoon tea. Please contact our office for transport **if** needed.

Weekly Prayer Meetings

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MMA opens quarterly, usually on the first Sunday of the month but a change of date for December. Next MMA Sunday 10th December.

Supported Missions:

CCD supports: Make A Difference, Dingley Village; Common Grace; Hands At Work, Africa; BCA; CMS; NCIC.

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St. Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village, 3172.

Phone: **9551 6930** or **9547 4877**

Email: Springvale@cam.org.au

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Our Mission

The Salvation Army Australia is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus, by caring for people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities, & working for justice.

Our Vision

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