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Over this period we have contributed OVER \$6,000,000 of profits through grants and sponsorships to Community Clubs and Organisations. In this Dossier edition we would like to share with you the key projects that the bank has contributed to and funded.

This funding has benefited and improved many areas of our community from aged care, sporting teams, historical society, the men's shed, rotary, probus, salvation Army, our kindergartens and primary schools to name a few. We hope you enjoy our community stories, thank you to our customers and shareholders for making this possible.

COMMUNITY FUNDING OVER \$6,000,000

As the Chair of Dingley Village Financial Services Ltd (Community Bank Dingley Village), it is my privilege to say hello and introduce myself, Darren Bodey, to the greater Dingley Village Community.

The Dingley Dossier, a Dingley Village staple since 1972 has been providing our community with news, entertainment, and advertisements since its inception.

This wrap provides Community Bank Dingley Village an opportunity to share our story and to remind our wonderful community of the work we do to help all and make a difference.

It is our customers and shareholders that make all this possible, and I thank them. I also thank the volunteer Board of Directors and our wonderful and helpful branch team, and wish everyone, a safe and happy 2024 and beyond.



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DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED

Established in Oct 2012 with a public meeting drawing over 50 men. In early October 2013 the members began operating each Friday at Mens Shed in Braeside Park. Community Bank Dingley Village funded a putting green at the Men's Shed.



DINGLEY VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL

The monument commemorates those who have served in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved. It was erected through contributions from the Rotary Club of Dingley Village, the Dingley branch of the Bendigo Community Bank. The primary focus of the project was to provide a memorial for the community with a commitment from the Rotary Club to conduct an annual service for the benefit of the school children of Dingley Village. The sculpture of the memorial was inspired by the ANZAC Rising Sun badge.



DEFIBRILLATORS PROGRAM

The bank has purchased 10 defibrillators which are being distributed across our

community. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) continues to be one of the leading causes of death in Australia. Defibrillators have the power to change this and save lives. Having a defibrillator means you can step in with the tools to save a life before paramedics arrive — every minute counts. Research shows survival rates of up to 70% can be achieved if an AED is on hand.



VIC SES GREATER DANDENONG UNIT

The State Emergency Service responds to flood, storm and emergencies across Victoria. Funding was used to assist in the purchase of a new truck, to train eight members with a chainsaw licence along with the purchase of a battery operated chainsaw. This means they are ready to respond to all emergencies within the City of Greater Dandenong.



BRAINWAVE BIKES

Brainwave established a social enterprise, Brainwave Bikes in early 2022 to provide unemployed young people with brain illnesses and injuries with work experience and training to transition to mainstream employment. The enterprise also reduces the half of all used bikes that end up in landfill and donates and sells affordable, quality and tested bikes. Funding is for external training in Certificate 1 Bike Mechanics giving the Brainwave community opportunity for mainstream employment.



KEYSBOROUGH GOLF CLUB

Community Bank Dingley Village in partnership with Keysborough Golf Club is proud to be the major sponsor of the PGA Pro AM. This magnificent 3 day event is held at the Golf Club on Hutton Road in March each year. Three events include the Womens Challenge Cup, Gala Event Day and PGA Pro Am Day. This years event will be even more memorable as we celebrate Keysborough Golf Clubs 125 year anniversary.

































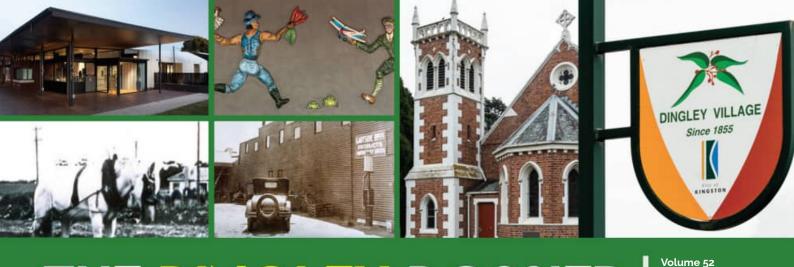












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Anzac Day, 25th April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

What does ANZAC stand for?

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as Anzacs, and the pride they took in that name endures to this day.

Why is this day special to Australians?

When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world. When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.

The Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on 25 April, meeting fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. What had been planned as a bold stroke to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated from

ANZAC DAY

the peninsula, with both sides having suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died in the campaign. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the actions of Australian and New Zealand forces during the campaign left a powerful legacy. What became known as the "Anzac legend" became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping the ways in which they viewed both their past and their future.



Anzac Beach, Gallipoli, 1915. The beach packed with Australian soldiers and supplies with more arriving in small boats. Australian War Memorial H03574

Early commemorations

In 1916 the first Anzac Day commemorations were held on 25 April. The day was marked by a wide variety of ceremonies and services across Australia, a march through London, and a sports day in the Australian camp in Egypt. In London more than 2,000 Australian and New Zealand troops marched through the streets; a London newspaper headline dubbed them "the knights of Gallipoli". Marches were held all over Australia; in the Sydney march convoys of cars carried soldiers wounded on Gallipoli and their nurses.

For the remaining years of the war Anzac Day was used as an occasion for patriotic rallies and recruiting campaigns, and parades of serving members of the AIF were held in most cities.

What does it mean today?

Australians recognise 25 April as a day of national remembrance, which takes two forms

Commemorative services are held across the nation at dawn – the time of the original landing, while later in the day, former servicemen and servicewomen meet to take part in marches through the country's major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal and are held at war memorials around the country. In these ways, Anzac Day is a time at which Australians reflect on the many different meanings of war.

Information and images in this article provided by Australian War Memorial.

www.awm.gov.au



Anzac Day dawn service at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL | 8:30AM - 1:00PM



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, and pay our respects to them, their culture, their Elders past, present and future and uphold their relationship to this land and the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia.

WHAT'S ON AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE?

LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City of Kingston: 1300 653 356

Emergency: 000

Police: 131 444

Crime Stoppers:

1800 333 000

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service:

1300 659 467

SES: 13 25 00

Poisons Info: 13 11 26

Coronavirus Hotline

1800 675 398

MensLine:

1300 789 978

W/IRF

(Women's Information and Referral Exchange):

1300 134 130

Safe Steps:

1800 015 188

Nurse on Call:

1300 606 024

Tip Smells & Dust:

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:

13 11 70

RSPCA:

9224 2222

Justice of the Peace

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

Teens Games Group

Fun environment for teenagers from 13 – 17 to enjoy games together. Strategy, fantasy & sci-fi style board & role-playing. Friday 5.30 – 7.30 pm Free event.

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. Tues, 10am to 12pm. Free drop-in group.

Social Art group with Carla

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

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.

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

Tai Chi aids the reduction of anxiety and stress, it also helps increase flexibility and balance. Wednesday 6.30 - 8.30pm Contact James **0430 570 460**.

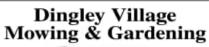


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COMMUNITY

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Rotary Club of Noble Park-Dingley looks forward to holding the Dawn Anzac Day Service on Thursday 25th April, commencing at 5.45am. This event has always been well attended by our local community and no doubt we will see many of you this year. You are always welcome to lay a wreath, and we will have poppies at the end of the service for people to place on the memorial.

Once again, a Gunfire Breakfast sponsored by the Dingley International Hotel will be available after the Dawn Service. Gold coin donation appreciated.



Daylight saving time ends & Change smoke detector batteries

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday 7th April, so don't forget to put your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed Saturday. It is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Braeside Park Walking Group. We need more walkers

Friendly mixed group meets Tuesday and Friday

at the Visitors Centre Carpark. Arrive 9.20am for a 9.30 start to Circuit 5 km or shorter. Stay around for a chat afterwards, no booking just come along.

New Owners of Kingswood agree to meet with Community

Satterley management has agreed to meet with Save Kingswood and the DVCA in late March early April.

David Madill, chair of the Dingley Village Community Association said: The developer and the two Dingley Village Groups - Save Kingswood and the DVCA, have agreed in principle to meet soon. This alone is a big step forward, as the previous owner, AustralianSuper, chose not meet with residents.

Kevin Poulter, President of the Save Kingswood Group inc. agreed. "Floods remain a big issue and the state Labor Government is still likely to bulldoze plans through, to reduce criticism of their lack of affordable housing. I very much hope that discussions with the developer will reduce our biggest concerns."

A special thank you to Willy Court residents

Anna and Bernie would like to publicly thank their neighbours for their help & support during a very difficult time.

During this time their lovely neighbours helped Anna with mowing the lawn, pruning, taking out our rubbish bins & even washing their car & continue to help them to this day. Anna and Bernie wanted to publicly thank them for all their help, kindness & support because without them Anna would have been overwhelmed.

People in Willy Court have helped us but a special thanks to our neighbours on either side, Fletcher & Laura & Kevin & Catherine who have gone out of their way for us & continue to do so every day. They are the best neighbours anyone could hope for.

So thank you very much from Bernie & me, words alone don't seem enough to express our thanks & gratitude.



Special Dates in April

Parkinson's Awareness Month

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month, and Monday 11th April is World Parkinson's Day. During this month, Parkinson's Australia is promoting the importance of identifying some of the lesser-known early warning signs and symptoms of Parkinson's.

1st April, Easter Monday, Christianity

Easter Monday is the day after Easter Sunday in Eastern or Western Christian traditions. The day marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion.

4th April, Qingming (Tomb Sweeping Day)

Qingming is a time for Chinese people to show respect to their ancestors by visiting and cleaning their ancestors' tombs.

6th April, Lailat al Qadr*, Islam

First revelation of Qur'an (Islamic scriptures) to Prophet Muhammad in 610 CE. Also known as 'Night of Power/ Destiny'.

10th April, Eid ul Fitr*, Islam

An important religious holiday that celebrates the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. Also known as the festival of the 'Breaking of the Fast'

14th April, Vaisakhi, Sikhism

Vaisakhi (Baisakhi) is a significant holiday and marks the founding of the Khalsa (the Brotherhood of the Pure) a community of Sikhs who are dedicated to upholding the values of the Sikh faith. The Khalsa is the collective body of all baptised Sikhs who carry the five articles of the faith - Kesh (uncut hair), Kirpan (ceremonial sword), Kara (steel bracelet), Kanga (comb) and Kaccha (undershorts)

20th April - 1st May, Ridvan*, Baha'i

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

22nd April, Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness and inspiring action to tackle the various environmental challenges facing our planet.

22nd – 30th April, Pesach* (Passover), Judaism

Pesach is the first and most significant of the Jewish pilgrim festivals. It celebrates the redemption by God of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. The festival begins with the Seder meal during which time the story of their deliverance is told. The first and last two days are holidays and work is not permitted.



25th April, ANZAC Day

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC Day is an anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed in Gallipoli in 1915 as part of the Allies' invasion. It is a public holiday to recognise the contribution and sacrifices of all those who have served Australia in time of war and in war like conflicts. The day is observed with the dawn service, marches and ceremonies across Australia and New Zealand.

*Holy days (mainly Jewish, Islamic and Baha'i) which begin at sundown

DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Hawthorn Football Club (HFC) Development Update - What is Happening

HFC has requested DVCA's help in keeping our community well informed on the progress of current works underway at their new club headquarters in Tootal Road by including the following update:

Hawthorn Football Club reached a historic milestone in the construction of its future home at Dingley last month, with the official 'Turning of the First Sod' at the Kennedy Community Centre. As a club, we were delighted to have invited local community members to celebrate the occasion, alongside Hawthorn President Andy Gowers, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Attorney General Mark Dreyfus, AFL CEO Andrew Dillion, Victorian Minister Steve Dimopoulos and City of Kingston Mayor Jenna Davey-Burns.

Stage 1 of the project will see the delivery of the Community Pavilion and AFLW Oval, featuring complete broadcast capabilities and grandstand seating, fully accessible to the community. Simultaneously, the adjacent 'Harris' Elite Training and Administration Facility, home to the club's staff, past & present players will also take shape, which includes an indoor training field, high performance gym & aquatic facilities, and an MCG-sized oval. The state-of-the-art high-performance base will provide players and staff with one of the best facilities in the country and revolutionise Hawthorn's standing as a destination club for both its AFL and AFLW programs.

As a club, we are incredibly proud that this facility will also serve as a home for the entire Dingley community, providing valuable green spaces and sporting amenities for leisure and organised activities. An anticipated completion date for Stage 1 has been set for the second half of next year.

In recent weeks, we have reached a critical juncture in the construction phase, with piling works now being undertaken, which will serve as the foundations for our Community Pavilion and main 'Harris' Elite Training and Administration Facility. During this phase, nearby residents may hear some intermittent noise coming from the site as a result of this important piling work. Unfortunately, this work is unavoidable in the early stages of the project. We appreciate that this may be frustrating, and we wanted to inform the community directly to assure residents that this phase of work is temporary and will be completed by the end of May.

Hawthorn is committed to making the Kennedy Community Centre a home for everyone in the community and we look forward to providing you with further updates in due course.

Should you require any further information in the meantime, please visit our dedicated project website: www.hawthornfc.com.au/club/kennedycommunitycentre or you can email us directly at: kcc@hawthornfc.com.au. "

DVCA thanks Hawthorn Football Club for their continued proactive communication with us.

Kingswood Golf Course - Sold Again

Australian Super has sold Kingswood Golf Course (for a reported \$220 million) to the Satterley Property Group, a large-scale residential land developer.

What's Happens Now?

Satterley has clearly stated in the sale joint press release issued by Australian Super and Satterley, that it intends to develop Kingswood.

"Its (Satterley) expertise will ensure the successful delivery of an inclusive, sustainable and vibrant residential community that caters to the Dingley Village area's evolving needs and contributes positively to Melbourne's ongoing growth."

"The Satterley team are looking forward to developing the site into an iconic infill master planned community with extensive open space, mature landscaping and family parks for both existing and future residents to enjoy, all within a short stroll of the established amenity in Dingley Village."

Kingswood Golf Course was rezoned GeneralResidentialZoneSchedule7(GRZ7) by the Planning Minister in September last year. This zoning allows residential development to occur on Kingswood. Fortunately, any residential development plans proposed for Kingswood must now satisfy the requirements of the Development Overlay Plan for Kingswood (DP08). We hope to start afresh with the new owner Nigel Satterley, CEO and he has responded quickly and positively to our calls for a meeting to discuss the needs of our community.

DVCA intends to:

- Actively seek positive communications with Satterley
- Remain vigilant, monitoring for any development proposed for Kingswood Golf Course and keep the community informed.

Flooding, traffic, density, environmental safety, impact, impact on existing residents, schools and resources all remain significant and unresolved issues for any proposed development of Kingswood. DVCA will be working hard to achieve a good outcome from any new Kingswood development proposal, by ensuring Satterley fully recognises these issues and that NET COMMUNITY BENEFIT for our Village is provided by any future development. There's a lot at stake - We need to continue staying strong as a community to ensure that our village's unique neighbour character, local amenity and precious environment is protected.



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Latest News on the Spring Rd Reserve Masterplan

DVCA was pleased to have Kingston City Council Open Space Officer, Asieh Motazedian attend our monthly DVCA meeting in March.

Ms Motazedian spoke to DVCA members about the amendments made to the Spring Road Reserve Draft Masterplan based on community feedback received. These are:

1. Wetland Area

Council carried out an extensive survey and study of the park's wetland area and wildlife. 63 bird species were identified in the wetlands, including migratory birds from Japan, along with an increased frog population. The wetlands zone will now be fenced, to keep this area safe from dogs and protect this environment.

2. Traffic / Parking

Local road traffic was surveyed by Council in February, in particular at Rowan Road and Spring Road. Council also conducted a car count and survey on a major netball tournament day. Using this information, gravel car parking capacity has been increased with:

- An additional 2 gravel car parks to be added to the already designated car spots.
- The old dog park to be turned into a gravel car park.
- 3. Provision of a bicycle parking station in the park.

- 4. Removal of the proposed Amphitheatre from the Masterplan, following little community support for this.
- 5. Provision of an additional bathroom space/public toilet.

Proposed Timetable

If the amended draft Masterplan is approved at the April 2024 Council Meeting, boundary tree planting should start during this year's planting season. The Masterplan's proposed park improvements are to be implemented over 6 Stages, with the majority of the work carried out in the first 4 stages, starting in 2025.

The draft Masterplan can be viewed on Council's website:

https://www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/spring-rd-reserve-mp

Can We Help?

If you are a resident in Dingley Village and have an issue concerning our Village you would like addressed - please let us know and we will see if we can help.

DVCA seeks new enthusiastic members to join and help keep our village a great place to live and work in. The DVCA is a voluntary group of Dingley Village residents, not affiliated to any political party and membership is open to all residents who genuinely care about our village.

DVCA Contact Info

Contact us by email at dvcasecretary@gmail.com or come to our monthly evening meeting. Meetings are held in the Library, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7.30pmlocated 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









ANZAC DAY SERVICE At Dingley Village Memorial

The Rotary Club Noble Park — Dingley in conjunction with Springvale Sub Branch RSL invite you to attend our ANZAC Day Commemoration Services.

A **Dawn Service** on ANZAC Day 25th April commencing at **5.45am**.

Lest We Forget.

This event kindly sponsored by

Community Bank Dingley Village



OUR COUNCIL

Amy Salisbury and Nimita Bagadia are the joint Kingston Women of the Year.

Kingston Mayor Jenna Davey-Burns presented the awards at the annual International Women's Day (IWD) event at Kingston City Hall,on Friday 8th march, which was hosted and led by Kingston's female councillors, junior councillors, and senior staff.

Cr Davey-Burns praised the remarkable work of all 29 of this year's nominees.

"We know that women are doing exceptional things every day and they deserve to be recognised and celebrated, each of them makes such remarkable contributions to our city and further afield and I have been personally touched and inspired by their leadership, dedication and personal stories," Cr Davey-Burns said. "Holding the awards on International Women's Day – a global celebration of the achievements of women – is fitting. Beyond today, we celebrate women and girls every day in our city.

With such a strong group of nominees, award winners were also honoured across four categories: Courageous Commitment, Excelling in Art & Sport, Inspiring Innovation, Success in STEM.



2024 Kingston Women of the Year (joint winners): Amy Salisbury and Nimita Bagadia

Amy is the founder of Mordi Sea Dippers, an inclusive community group bringing together a diverse range of people to explore the benefits of cold-water therapy.

Through this program, members have built connections and friendships, creating a lasting positive impact on their lives. Amy also founded PMDD Wellness Warrior, providing support and coaching to women with Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder. Additionally, Amy mobilises community resources for volunteer initiatives domestically and internationally. Nimita has demonstrated excellence throughout her decade long tenure at Telstra.

Beginning as a graduate engineer, Nimita actively addressed gender biases and became a champion for diversity and inclusion. Her project management skills and contributions to energy efficiency and water billing initiatives garnered recognition, earning her prestigious awards. Nimita extends her impact through motivational speaking, mentoring programs, and community engagement, emphasising her commitment to inspiring others and fostering positive change in STEM

Courageous Commitment (joint winners): Evelyn Townley and Gwyn Nichols

Evelyn has led a local patchwork group at Chelsea Heights Community Centre for 23 years. Despite limited funds over the past 6 years, the group has passionately created quilts, teddies, and other items for babies and children in need. These handcrafted donations, distributed to Neonatal Intensive Care Units across Australia, become cherished heirlooms. Evelyn's enduring commitment serves as an inspiration to the community, where she also supports charities, such as Backpack 4 Kids

Gwyn is a Director at Community First Responders Australia. She channels her professional life into empowering communities and saving lives. Focused on breaking barriers to emergency care for diverse groups, she equips them with tailored skills and knowledge.

During her time as the Emergency Communications and Marketing Manager, Gwyn's relentless fundraising efforts led to a 400% increase in charity donations. Recognised with the Public Safety Excellence Award from Zoll, her advocacy extends to promoting public access to defibrillators and education.

Excelling in Art and Sport: Kerrie Waworis Kerrie is a coach at the Peninsula Dragonfly's Dragonboat Club. Her motivational leadership propelled her crew to victory at the 2023 Australian Championships, a testament to her ability to guide members toward collaborative success. Her infectious passion has driven the Club's recent 300% membership surge. At 66, she is a role model for women over 40 in sports.



Inspiring Innovation: Dr Carolyn Beaumont Carolyn embodies entrepreneurial spirit and innovation, transitioning from a piano teacher to a medical doctor and establishing ground-breaking initiatives in tobacco harm reduction.

Carolyn founded 'MedicalNicotine' in 2020, and in 2023 she launched 'SmokerHealth Telehealth', a national service providing preventive care for smokers, especially in disadvantaged areas. Carolyn advocates for reducing smoking harm and pioneers efforts to extend the research and education initiative 'RAISE Australia', which aims to establish an Indigenous community pilot program to reduce smoking inequity.

Success in STEM: Dr Kate Robb

Kate is the Executive Director and Head of Research at the Marine Mammal Foundation, a global leader in marine conservation renowned for discovering and naming the Burrunan Dolphin. Her impactful contributions include legislative development, listing the Burrunan Dolphin as Critically Endangered, and educating communities through the award-winning Marine Litter Project. Kate's influence extends globally, engaging over 50,000 individuals, and she has collaborated with major media outlets, including the BBC and National Geographic.

To find out more about our winners and all the nominees, visit kingston.vic.gov.au/community/events/upcoming-events/kingston-women-of-the-year-awards.

Mayor Davey-Burns appointed to state advisory panel:

Kingston Mayor Jenna Davey-Burns has been appointed to Victoria's Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel for 2024. This year's panel is made up of 10 mayors from urban, regional, and rural areas across the state and provides the Local Government Minister Melissa Horne with advice on legislative, regulatory, strategic and policy issues that affect councils and local communities across the state. The group will focus its work on governance, representation, and inclusion.

Cr Davey-Burns, who is representing the Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM) on the panel, said collaborative engagement and partnership with our colleagues in state parliament is a top priority. "The value that local council brings to tackling big issues faced by Victoria, including coastal inundation, urban heating and increasing social and affordable housing, is immeasurable," Cr Davey-Burns said. "I'm very proud to be part of the ABM which leads on advocacy for the protection and management of our beautiful Port Philip Bay, loved by so many across all seasons

"Our council in Kingston has a strong track record of engagement with the state government too, and our mayor last year, Cr Hadi Saab, was a member of this panel and worked hard to put community at the centre of all decision making."

"Now for me to be able to come together with mayors from across Victoria, collaborate, and talk directly with the Minister provides another huge opportunity to find solutions to the significant issues impacting all our communities."

"On a personal level, I am hopeful that meaningful impact on representation and inclusion will be among our priorities, because championing the involvement of more women and people from all cultural backgrounds in local government is a strong commitment of mine.

"Representation really matters. I was personally inspired to get involved in local government by the work of many outstanding female leaders and I am committed to continuing their wonderful legacies and hopefully empowering others over the coming years."

As the voice of local government for Port Phillip Bay, the ABM advocates for the protection and sustainable management of the marine and coastal environment, and its cultural, social, and economic values.

Founded in 1974, the ABM is made up of the coastal councils around Port Phillip Bay, including Kingston, Hobsons Bay City Council, Bayside City Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, City of Greater Geelong, Frankston City Council, Borough of Queenscliffe, Wyndham City Council, and Port Phillip City Council. The first meeting of the new Mayoral Advisory Panel will be held on Thursday 21 March.

Kingston's Pet Expo

Kingston's Pet Expo is back, 9am to 1pm on Saturday 6 April! Kingston Heath Reserve, Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham. Animal enthusiasts, pet owners and their four-legged friends are invited to join us for a day of pet competitions, kids' activities, demonstrations and interactive talks—and to find out more about all of the pet-related services the City of Kingston offers its residents.

We'll also be giving all of Kingston's pet owners the chance to win one of three great prizes on the day!

- 1st prize: iPad
- 2nd prize: Hamper
- 3rd prize: 2 x Gold Class movie
 vouchers

All you have to do to go into the draw to win is:

Visit us at Pet Expo

Complete one of the following at the Pet Expo information desk:

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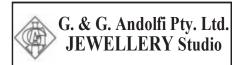
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Congratulations go to all brokers and staff at Dingley Village business Integrity Finance Australia following recognition of being awarded a Top 100 business for

The award is from aggregator group LMG and was presented to company directors Daryl and David at a leadership summit held in Sydney in February.

LMG is the largest and most progressive aggregator group across Australia and New Zealand. Led by Sam White, it commenced operations in 1994, and is family owned within the Ray White real estate group, which itself was founded in 1904. A 122-year history of assisting clients into homes!

The LMG aggregation business has grown rapidly, now partnering with over 65 banks and lenders, and supporting a community of over 6,000 brokers and advisers, including businesses under its own group branding, and those operating independently, as does Integrity Finance Australia.

In congratulating Integrity Finance Australia on the award Sam White noted:

"Your inclusion in this group is not just recognition - it's testament to your commitment, innovation, and outstanding service you provide to your clients. Your success embodies what



and our network. makes brokers, awesome.

Congratulations also to Daryl Borden and Tom Bailey for each achieving an individual "Excellence in Finance - Gold Award" from the Plan Australia division. Daryl and Tom expressed thanks and appreciation to their support teams, without whom such sustained levels of customer service cannot be maintained.

Daryl is now a 6-time winner of this accolade, whilst Tom is a first-time winner deserved and due recognition of

his work and service to customers.

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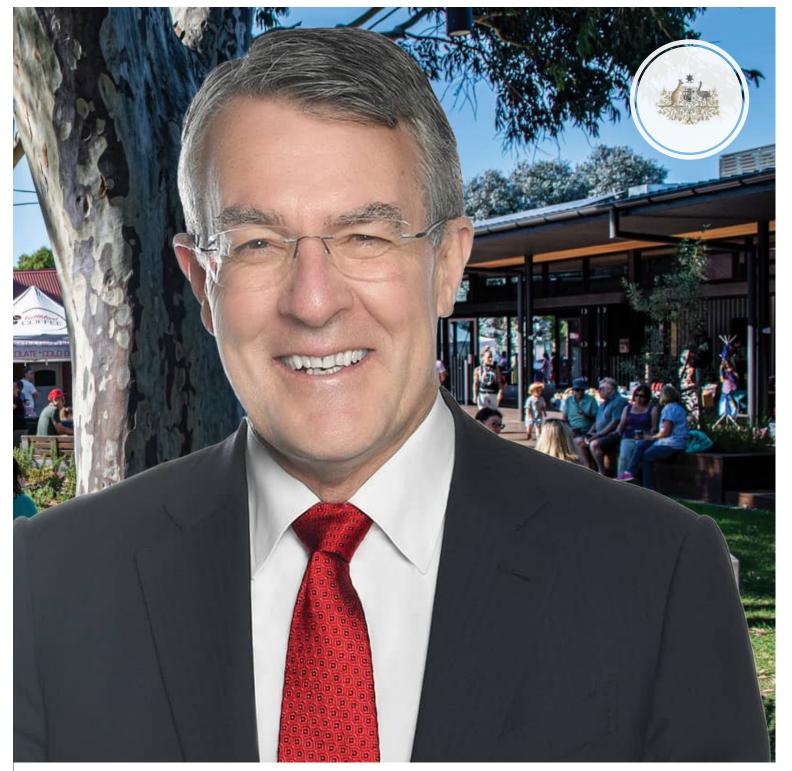


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MEDICAL MATTERS

Nicotine pouches are being marketed to young people on social media. But are they safe, or even legal?

THE CONVERSATION

Academic rigour, journalistic flair

Published: February 26, 2024 6.05am AEDT Becky Freeman: Associate Professor, School of Public Health, University of Sydney



Flavoured nicotine pouches are being promoted to young people on social media platforms such as TikTok and Instagram. Although some viral videos have been taken down following a series of reports in The Guardian, clips featuring Australian influencers have claimed nicotine pouches are a safe and effective way to quit vaping. A number of the videos have included links to websites selling these products.

With the rapid rise in youth vaping and the subsequent implementation of several reforms to restrict access to vaping products, it's not entirely surprising the tobacco industry is introducing more products to maintain its future revenue stream. The major trans-national tobacco companies, including Philip Morris International and British American Tobacco, all manufacture nicotine pouches. British American Tobacco's brand of nicotine pouches, Velo, is a leading sponsor of the McLaren Formula I team.

But what are nicotine pouches, and are they even legal in Australia?

Like snus, but different

Nicotine pouches are available in many countries around the world, and their sales are increasing rapidly, especially among young people. Nicotine pouches look a bit like small tea bags and are placed between the lip and gum. They're typically sold in small, colourful tins of about 15 to 20 pouches. While the pouches don't contain tobacco, they do contain nicotine that is either extracted from tobacco plants or made synthetically. The pouches come in a wide range of strengths.

As well as nicotine, the pouches commonly contain plant fibres (in place of tobacco, plant fibres serve as a filler and give the pouches shape), sweeteners and flavours. Just like for vaping products, there's a vast array of pouch flavours available including different varieties of fruit, confectionery, spices and drinks. The range of appealing flavours, as well as the fact they can be used discreetly, may make nicotine pouches particularity attractive to young people. Vaping has recently been subject to tighter regulation in Australia.

Users absorb the nicotine in their mouths and simply replace the pouch when all the nicotine has been absorbed. Tobacco-free nicotine pouches are a relatively recent product, but similar style products that do contain tobacco, known as snus, have been popular in Scandinavian countries, particularly Sweden, for decades. Snus and nicotine pouches are however different products. And given snus contains tobacco and nicotine pouches don't, the products are subject to quite different regulations in Australia.

What does the law say?

Pouches that contain tobacco, like snus, have been banned in Australia since 1991, as part of a consumer product ban on all forms of smokeless tobacco products. This means other smokeless tobacco products such as chewing tobacco, snuff, and dissolvable tobacco sticks or tablets, are also banned from sale in Australia. Tobacco-free nicotine pouches cannot legally be sold by general retailers, like tobacconists and convenience stores, in Australia either. But the reasons for this are more complex.



In Australia, under the Poisons Standard, nicotine is a prescriptiononly medicine, with two exceptions. Nicotine can be used in tobacco prepared and packed for smoking, such as cigarettes, roll-your-own tobacco, and cigars, as well as in preparations for therapeutic use as a smoking cessation aid, such as nicotine patches, gum, mouth spray and lozenges. If a nicotine-containing product does not meet either of these two exceptions, it cannot be legally sold by general retailers. No nicotine pouches have currently been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration as a therapeutic aid in smoking cessation, so in short they're not legal to sell in Australia.

However, nicotine pouches can be legally imported for personal use only if users have a prescription from a medical professional who can assess if the product is appropriate for individual use. We only have anecdotal reports of nicotine pouch use, not hard data, as these products are very new in Australia. But we do know authorities are increasingly seizing these products from retailers. It's highly unlikely any young people using nicotine pouches are accessing them through legal channels.

Health concerns

Nicotine exposure may induce effects including dizziness, headache, nausea and abdominal cramps, especially among people who don't normally smoke or vape. Although we don't yet have much evidence on the long term health effects of nicotine pouches, we know nicotine is addictive and harmful to health. For example, it can cause problems in the cardiovascular system (such as heart arrhythmia), particularly at high doses. It may also have negative effects on adolescent brain development. The nicotine contents of some of the nicotine pouches on the market is alarmingly high. Certain brands offer pouches containing more than lomg of nicotine, which is similar to a cigarette. According to a World Health Organization (WHO) report, pouches deliver enough nicotine to induce and sustain nicotine addiction.

Pouches are also being marketed as a product to use when it's not possible to vape or smoke, such as on a plane. So instead of helping a person quit they may be used in addition to smoking and vaping. And importantly, there's no clear evidence pouches are an effective smoking or vaping cessation aid. Further, some nicotine pouches, despite being tobacco-free, still contain tobacco-specific nitrosamines. These compounds can damage DNA, and with long term exposure, can cause cancer.

Overall, there's limited data on the harms of nicotine pouches because they've been on the market for only a short time. But the WHO recommends a cautious approach given their similarities to smokeless tobacco products. For anyone wanting advice and support to quit smoking or vaping, it's best to talk to your doctor or pharmacist, or access trusted sources such as Quitline or the iCanQuit website.

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WRITERS CORNER



Using the lyric 'It's three O'clock in the morning and I'm on the streets again' from 'Dancing In the Moonlight' by Thin Lizzy as a writing prompt.

It's 3 o'clock in the morning and I'm on the streets again. Anything for some relief from the intense heat in my tiny non air conditioned flat. It is in great need of upgrading but why should the landlord trouble himself by making it liveable? He doesn't have to try and sleep there in the searing temperatures. I figure I can't sleep anyway so I may as well walk the streets. Stepping out into the heat in a pitch-black night, I can feel the hot temperature hit me in the face. It may be three in the morning, but it isn't much cooler out here. In fact, I would predict it's only a degree or two cooler. Oh well, out here there is a breeze, a scorching breeze maybe, but a breeze, nevertheless.

I soon find I'm not the only one with this idea. Families are walking the streets and couples sit on their front porches enjoying a cold one, watching us all stroll past. Man, this heat is just relentless. None of us will be sleeping tonight. I walk past the tower block. Mostly social housing. I can hear a baby's anguished scream, begging anyone who will listen for some respite from the never-ending discomfort. I hear ya kid. We all feel it too. I continue on and notice an old fella sitting on a bench by the corner milk bar I sit beside him

"Gee, I reckon Lucifer would feel at home out here." He tells me as he mops the back of his neck with a hanky. "Nah mate. Even he would want to wade in the pool tonight."

I reply. "Ha ha! You could be right, Son." He gets up and shuffles away. I can see my mate, Alex further up walking with a woman, not his wife. She'll be at home trying to console their young children. Maybe not such a mate after all.

I'm feeling tired now. I don't want to sleep here but I won't be able to sleep in my flat. The beach is too far from here. I wish this milk bar was open. Could use a Cola or something. Why is Cola so much more refreshing on the hottest days, well, nights? Probably because the adverts told us so. Clever marketing all that fizzy goodness foaming around ice cubes with condensation on the outside of the glass. Ugh, now I really want a Cola.

Ha! The advertising campaigns work. The servo is about a twenty-minute walk away. If I start now, I can grab a drink for the walk home. I may be tired, but the sugar will bring me too again. Is it too late at night to drink caffeinated beverages? Who cares. The adverts say it's okay. The ads wouldn't lie to us, would they? Besides, none of us will be sleeping tonight.

JS 2023

The Dingley Village Writing For Pleasure Group meets each Tuesday from 10am to 12pm at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Our small group is comprised of members with varying talent and experience. Some have never written at all prior to joining us.

KINGSWOOD

Former Kingswood Golf Club site sold

In a joint media release on the 4th of March AustralianSuper announced that it had sold the former Kingswood Golf Course site to Satterley Property Group (Satterley), Australia's largest privately owned residential land developer.



Having acquired the land in 2014, AustralianSuper initiated an Expression of Interest (EoI) process late last year to divest the site. Over the past several months AustralianSuper has received significant interest in the site and is pleased to have come to terms with Satterley.

Who is Satterley?

Satterley is Australia's largest privately owned residential land developer and according to their website they create award winning master-planned communities across Western Australia, Victoria, and Queensland focusing on wellbeing. www.satterley.com.au. In a media release on the 5th of March, Save Kingswood Group responded to news of the sale.

After the purchase of Kingswood Golf Course Park by Satterley developers, Kevin Poulter, President of the Save Kingswood Group said: "Kingswood Urban Forest and Park would not be under threat, if not for political expediency." According to Kevin Poulter, President of Save Kingswood Group Inc.

"It goes against all resident's rights and years of Labor's planning guidelines." Building in Dingley Village's Kingswood Park will reduce the flack the State Labor Government is receiving because they have not started to supply affordable housing. There are many more suitable sites in Kingston, but destroying Kingswood is an easy, fast way to solve one of Labor's biggest headaches.

Labor set up rules for re-engaging Golf Courses and also for an "independent" committee. But indications are their many guidelines, and the severe threat of flooding are being trashed by Spring Street for expediency. If Labor's own guidelines were followed, the park would not be under threat.

We have contacted the new developers to suggest we meet to discuss, with an aim of resolving major issues and establishing a far more amiable relationship than we experienced with AustralianSuper.

Compare: Dingley Village's relationship with the new Hawthorn Football Club is excellent.





How to protect yourself against scams

These days, scams that try to obtain our personal and financial information are incredibly common. In fact, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported earlier this year that two thirds of Australians aged 15 years and over were exposed to a scam in 2021-22. To protect yourself and your loved ones, it's important to know how to identify a scam.

Scams come in many forms, including phone scams, email scams, texting scams and more. Unfortunately, it can be hard to spot a scam sometimes, as scammers can pretend to be contacting you from an organisation you are familiar with, such as your bank, or they might be pretending to be someone you trust, such as a loved one.

There are some steps you can take though to prevent being scammed. Importantly, you should never share your personal information if you feel unsure.

Scammers who pretend to be from your bank or a government institution will ask you to verify who you are by asking for your date of birth and other details. You should never respond immediately to a phone call, text message or email that is asking you to share personal information or your banking details. If something doesn't feel right, it's best to check that the person contacting you is really who they say they are before handing over any information.

For more information on how you can spot a scam and what to do if you think you've been scammed, please head to AccessCare's website via this QR code:



Access healthy meals through AccessCare

Did you know AccessCare offers a meal delivery service? This service is available to clients within the City of Kingston and is incredibly useful for people who have difficulty accessing nutritious meals at home. And best of all, there are no dishes to be cleaned afterwards!

To find out more about this service, please call our friendly team on 1300 819 200.

AccessCare's new bus calendar is available now!

In January, AccessCare launched its 2024 community bus social calendar. Running through to the end of June, this calendar is jam packed with fun day trips, lunches, activities and more. All the events are designed to help people in the City of Kingston to get out and about, exploring exciting attractions and meeting new people.

Just some of the destinations in the 2024 calendar include the Warratina Lavender Farm, Dandenong Market, the Hellenic Museum and a wide range of restaurants and cafes for lunch. Plus, there's the chance to attend the Morning Melodies, take part in a game of ten pin bowling and so much more.

If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved, or if you'd like a copy of the new calendar mailed to you, please email AccessCare at finfo@accesscare.org.au or call us on 1300 819 200.

AccessCare Information Session

The City of Kingston AccessCare team is hosting a free information session for all Kingston residents –relating to home care. This session will provide helpful information on what in-home care is, how to apply for in-home support through My Aged Care, and how AccessCare can assist you, or your loved one aged 65 years and over, to continue living at home for longer. The morning and afternoon sessions enable you to pick the one that fits best with your schedule.

Tuesday 23 April, 10.30am - 11.30am or 6pm - 7pm

City of Kingston (Mentone office) 34 Brindisi Street, Mentone

It is a free event, but bookings are essential, so please contact AccessCare on \$\scrick\$ 1300 819 200 or email \$\oldsymbol{\omega}\$ info@accesscare.org.au.

Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

For information about activities, or to provide feedback about this newsletter, please contact Alina Urbanczyk, Social Inclusion Officer \$ 0409 767 438 or P.O. Box 1000 Mentone, VIC, 3194, or email alina.urbanczyk@kingston.vic.gov.au

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After an extensive Expression of Interest process, it was announced on 4 March 2024 that the former Kingswood Golf Course site has been sold to Satterley Property Group (Satterley).

For any maintenance requests, please email customerservicevic@satterley.com.au, or for urgent matters, please call Talina on (03) 9223 6700.

EYES RIGHT ()

Unveiling the Hidden Burden

Glaucoma, often referred to as the "silent thief of sight," stealthily diminishes vision, frequently without any noticeable symptoms until irreversible damage has occurred. As we delve into the prevalence of this condition in Victoria, we uncover not just the diagnosed cases but also the substantial burden of undiagnosed glaucoma.

The Prevalence Landscape

Glaucoma, characterised by progressive damage to the optic nerve, affects millions worldwide, making it one of the leading causes of irreversible blindness. In Victoria, its prevalence mirrors global trends, with an estimated 3% of the population aged 40 or older being affected, according to data from the Victorian Population Health Survey.

This translates to approximately 200,000 individuals grappling with this condition across the state.

The Hidden Toll

However, what is perhaps more concerning is the prevalence of undiagnosed cases. Glaucoma often develops gradually and asymptomatically, leading many individuals to remain unaware of their condition until significant vision loss has ensued. Studies suggest that up to 50% of people with glaucoma may be undiagnosed, emphasising the urgent need for heightened awareness and regular eye examinations via optometrists.

Contributing Factors

Several factors contribute to the underdiagnosis of glaucoma in Victoria. Firstly, a lack of routine eye examinations among the general population plays a pivotal role. Many individuals only seek eye care when experiencing noticeable vision problems, by which time glaucoma may have already advanced. Additionally, misconceptions surrounding the condition, such as its association solely with ageing, further hinder early detection efforts.

Furthermore, disparities in access to eye care services exacerbate the issue, particularly among socioeconomically disadvantaged communities and rural regions.

Limited awareness, coupled with logistical barriers, impedes timely diagnosis and intervention, perpetuating the cycle of undiagnosed glaucoma.

Addressing the Challenge

To mitigate the burden of undiagnosed glaucoma in Victoria, multifaceted strategies are imperative. Firstly, public health campaigns aimed at raising awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations, especially among high-risk demographics, can foster a culture of proactive eye care.

Moreover, enhancing access to eye care services through mobile clinics and community outreach programs can bridge existing gaps in healthcare delivery, particularly in underserved areas. By bringing screening and diagnostic services closer to the community, individuals can undergo timely assessments, facilitating early detection and intervention.

Collaborative efforts between healthcare providers, policymakers, and advocacy groups are pivotal in driving systemic changes to prioritise eye health on the public health agenda. By fostering partnerships and leveraging technological innovations, we can empower individuals with knowledge and access to comprehensive eye care, ultimately reducing the prevalence of undiagnosed glaucoma in Victoria.

Conclusion

In Victoria, the prevalence of glaucoma poses a significant public health challenge, compounded by a substantial burden of undiagnosed cases. As we strive towards a future of equitable eye care, it is imperative to prioritise proactive screening, education, and accessibility initiatives. By shining a light on the hidden toll of glaucoma and fostering collaborative efforts, we can safeguard vision and enhance the quality of life for all Victorians.

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Dingley Primary School

We're excited to share updates on our recent achievements, including NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and Year 5 students, and more exciting happenings within the Dingley Primary School community!

NAPLAN

On Wednesday 13 March, NAPLAN testing commenced for Year 3 and Year 5 students at Dingley Primary School. NAPLAN, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy, aims to assess students' skills in writing, conventions of language, reading, and numeracy. The school community extended their best wishes to all students and encouraged them to simply do their best. It was emphasised that the school community was already proud of the efforts put forth by all our amazing students!

International Women's Day!

Our school leaders united to share why International Women's Day holds significance for them. They emphasised the importance of women gaining a voice, highlighting the decades-long struggle for equality. Today, women have more opportunities and recognition for their contributions. We're excited for our next generation of leaders who will continue to pave the way for a brighter future for all. Let's celebrate girls and women for all the awesome things they do!



Easter Hat Parade & Raffle

We're getting excited for a fantastic Easter celebration at Dingley Primary School! All students are invited to showcase their creativity and craft their very own Easter hats for the parade, which will take place on Wednesday 27 March. Families are also welcome to attend and join in the excitement! Families have been busy selling raffle tickets to win one of our amazing hampers, which include delicious chocolate eggs, games, puzzles, colouring books, and toys!





We would like to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our families for all of the donations to make it a fun morning! One of our crossing supervisors, Peter is definitely looking forward to the event, as our number 1 ticket buyer- with over 90 tickets purchased!! Good luck Peter and good luck to everyone in our school community!

School Tours open now!

We are thrilled to invite 2025 prep families to book a tour of our school through the provided link below. Led by our Principal

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Book your tour now and let us showcase why Dingley Primary School is the perfect place for your child's educational journey!





WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LOCAL

Keep up to date with the latest news from Dingley Village Shopping Centre!









We stopped into Busy Burgers to check out what's new on the menu and popular with their loyal, local following!

Highlights included; new great-value chicken buckets teamed with tasty sriracha aioli, a moreish bischoff thickshake, and a delicious veganfriendly vego burger that hits with all the big flavours we've learned to love from this awesome local burger joint.

The team also shared some of their recent success with a new method for their now extra-crunchy southern fried chicken. The fresh process includes; soaking the chicken for 24 hours in brine, marinating it in authentic buttermilk and seasoning it to perfection with their supersecret spice mix.

Make sure to say hi and give what's new a try on your next visit to Busy Burgers at Dingley Village Shopping Centre!

ST MARKS CHURCH

25th ANNIVERSARY Celebration of the consecration of St Mark's Church in Dingley Village

The Catholic community of St Mark's in Dingley Village will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the consecration of their Church, on Saturday the 27th of April 2024 at 6.00pm Mass followed by refreshments in the adjacent hall.

This is a significant milestone for the community and is a source of faith and pride. As many residents will be aware there was no formal church for Catholics in Dingley Village, till this one was built and consecrated in April 1999, with Masses being held in the school hall for many years prior. St Marks Dingley Village is part of the greater 'Springvale Parish' which includes St Joseph's Church in Springvale and St Mark's Church in Dingley Village.

This is a joyful occasion for the community in Dingley Village and it is a time to thank the many parishioners and priests, who were involved in the fund raising, planning and building of the Church. Over the past 25 years the Church community has enjoyed the use and the facilities and hope to continue doing so for many years to come.

We thank the Franciscan Friars of Springvale/ Dingley Village, under whose guidance and leadership the church and community flourishes. Since the church was consecrated 25 years ago, time has moved on and we now have the next generation of parishioners who actively participate in liturgical services and the managing of the church. Fr Joseph Truong Nguyen, O.F.M. Conv., Parish Priest, with enthusiasm and joy,



25th Anniversary Celebrations Details

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LOCAL SPORTS

Dingley Football Netball Club

The Football and Netball competitions are set to kick off in a few weeks and despite the setback in the re-development of the sports complex at Souter Oval, a terrific amount of work has gone into ensuring that all your Dingley Football and Netball teams will again be forces in the SFNL competition.

Club President Clinton Brooks, this year becomes the longest serving president in the club's history and he has once again assembled an impressive administration with a strong and energetic committee, getting things done. Our generous and major sponsors have come to our support once again and the current emphasis is on attracting more supporters to take up one of the Club Membership packages, details of which are on the club website.

Off the field, Zach Horsley enters his second year a Senior Football Coach. Sam Williams is the Reserves, or 'Development Coach' job, and ex junior player Brodie Ferguson has returned to the club as coach of the Under 19 team.

Recruitment has concentrated on attracting former Dingley juniors back to Souter Oval and supporters will be excited to see the quality of new talent on show in 2024, as well as retaining almost all of the strong 2023 list. Five senior players have also secured places on 2024 VFL Team Lists and we hope that they make the most of any opportunities that come their way to advance their careers.

They will be in the Dingley colours unless offered games at VFL level. Practice matches or 'Match Simulations' as they are now called, have been played against Seaford, Tyabb, Mornington and Mooroolbark FCs, with good results, in what has been an extensive preparation for the season opener against Springvale Districts on April 6th.

Congratulations go out to our Senior Captain Jackson Peet, who has been appointed for a club record eighth year as skipper. 'Jacko' will have Lucas Walmsley and Nick Lloyd as his deputies. The club could not be in better hands. Congratulations also to the clubs Netball Head Coach, A.J.

Ballantyne who has been given the honour of being appointed Head Coach of the SFNL Interleague Team to play the Riddell League in May. Star player Georgie O'Brien has been selected in the Victorian Under 19s Netball Squad and she is typical of the talent representing Dingley in her chosen sport. Well done to her.

A lot of work is also being done to develop a dedicated girl's football program to provide pathways for Dingley girls into football careers. Contact details are on our website for any girls who want to pursue that dream.

Colin Craney will again coach the Thirds Football team and is calling for volunteers to fill some important roles with the team. All the club's 'goings on' and events are ever present on the Dingley Football Netball Club website, so it is easy to keep up to date. We look forward to your support again in 2024.



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Get Ready for Mother's Day!

Join us for the CWA Dingley Village Annual Mother's Day Stall on Friday May 10th from gam to 4pm (unless sold out) at the Woolies Supermarket in Dingley Village. We have so many things on offer, so make sure you come early! From Mother's Day gifts to scones (of course!), baking, preserves, craft, baby knits and some winter knits, we have you covered. Don't miss out on the perfect opportunity to spoil your mum this Mother's Day with unique and special gifts from our stall!

Our monthly meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10am to approximately 11.30am in our new temporary home at Dingley Scout Hall, 65 Centre Dandenong Road, Dingley Village. Following the meeting, we gather for a cuppa and a shared light lunch, creating a warm and welcoming environment where friendships flourish. If you're curious and would like to attend one of our meetings to see if our group is the right fit for you, please join us on a Wednesday. For more details about the CWA or our branch, don't hesitate to reach out to Sue on 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 11th of April and the May one is on the 9th. 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 is held on the last Saturday of the month and the April one will be on the 27th. 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 (especially males) to the Group.

Enquiries can be made to Graeme on 9551 3462.

PS - Autumn leaves?



Probus Club Dingley Central



Our clubs 33rd Annual Meeting was chaired by fellow member Graham Kilby. It was pleasing to see that all positions were filled. After all the formalities, our retiring President Lyn and fellow committee members, were thanked for their tireless work throughout the year, which resulted in a very successful year for the club. Best wishes were extended to the incoming President George and his Committee for the coming year. A video prepared by Colin, our clubs publicity officer, highlighting the activities members enjoyed throughout the year, was shown at the conclusion of the meeting.

Activities planned for April: Happy Hour, Legs and Morning Coffee, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, Morning Melodie's, Dine Out, Film Day, Craft Group and games day.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month, at 10am at The Salvation Army Kingston City, 13/12-16 Boulevard, Dingley Village. New members are always welcome. For further information contact Jean on **0438 272 232**.

Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

The first of April being Easter Monday is a Public Holiday so there are no Club activities for this day. We had a full bus load for our trip last month – our members especially enjoyed their gondola ride at Arthur's Seat.

Our arrangements for April are as follows:

- Monday the 1st Public holiday, no activities.
- Monday the 8th Cards, Rummikub, Scrabble, followed by afternoon tea.
- Monday the 15th A Committee
 Meeting at 11:30 a.m. followed by Bingo
 and afternoon tea.
- Monday the 22nd Games, Cards, Rummikub and Scrabble followed by afternoon tea.
- Monday the 29th A lunch and Trivia Afternoon (bookings necessary for this).

We hope that everyone enjoyed an Easter break. If you are a little bored or at a loose end of a Monday afternoon, please feel free to drop in for a chat and a cuppa. Our afternoon activities are held in the Harold Box Hall at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact our President, Margaret, on 9580 4321 or our Vice President, Joan, on 0421 736 795.

Dingley Village Historical Society

We are open Monday Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-12noon. During the Dingley Village Farmers Market on the third Saturday of the month 10am -12noon.

We can open other days if requested. We are at 31A Marcus Rd, near the library. Phone number 9551 4374 or email at enquiries@dvhs.com.au.

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.

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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



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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 first 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 & 4th of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry and \$1.50 per book Concerts with professional entertainers on the 3rd Tues of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry.

Wednesdays – Line Dancing 1pm to 3pm - \$3.00 entry.

Thursdays - Ballroom dancing lessons 12.30 to 1.00pm and Ballroom dancing from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Entry \$3.00.

Tea and coffee are supplied for all activities. Entertainment schedule: 16 April - Marcia Rae, 30 April - Rob Foenander Club membership for the remainder of F/Y 23/24 is \$5.00. Contact is Julie on 0428 561 694.

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

At Kingston City Church we have an active women's ministry comprising of a women's prayer group and a women's link group every fortnight. We also have all church women's events once a quarter which varies each year.

We started off our year in February with a connect evening which is a fun night with the objective of our women connecting with one another in a friendly environment.

This year we have a women's breakfast in May to raise awareness and funds for Destiny Rescue which exists to end child trafficking.

In July we will be joining the other women in our movement for our CRC women's conference at Waurn Ponds. It is a day event, and we are pleased to have Roma Waterman ministering. Our end of year function will again be held in November at Yarra Yarra Golf Club.

The objective of our women's ministry is to draw our women closer to Jesus and also to one another based on the verse in John 17:21 'I pray for them all to be joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us so that the world will recognise that you sent me.'

Pr Maureen Lisbon



Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church



Cnr. Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton

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

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

Our Vision and our Mission

To seek to connect people to God and each other. Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church - Meeting U at the Crossroads of Life.

What's On

Wednesdays - Prayer meeting at the church 9.00 - 9.30 a.m. If you have a concern that you would like prayed about ring Margaret on 0401 392 772.

Know Your Bible 9.30 - 11.00 a.m.

An interdenominational study of the Bible for women.

Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month

Unleash the Music in You - 7.30 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.

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Village Church Inc.



Address: 7-9 Fiveways Blvd Keysborough

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Pastor: Rodney Hole

Elders: Andrew Weston & Malcolm Crouch

Church Office: **8712 8254** or admin@<u>villagechurch.org.au</u>

Visit our website: www.villagechurch.org.au

Village Church has been in the Dingley and Keysborough areas since the 1930's and exists for the purpose of the advancement of the Kingdom of God as we seek to obey our Lord's command to go out and make disciples of all people. Village Church offers the following ministries to 'Inspire People to Discover and Develop Life in Christ'.

Sunday Morning 10am Worship Service

In person or can watch livestream on our webpage.

The church service includes:

- Bible teaching through expository preaching.
- Pastor Rodney Hole is currently preaching through the book of Hebrews
- Communion is held once a month for those who know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.
- Kids Church Younger Primary (4-8 years old) and Older Primary (9-12 years old).
- Little Blessings Preschool Program (0 4 years old)
- Tea and coffee are served after the service.

Life Groups

Meets for Bible study and fellowship in various suburbs on a fortnightly basis in Springvale, Narre Warren, Pakenham, and Lyndhurst areas.

Ladies Bible Study

Meets regularly to work through an entire book of the Bible, alternating between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Previously studied are the books of Ruth, Philippians, Genesis and James.

In 2024, there will be a video teaching series on "War of Words" by Paul Tripp based on his book.

Men of Faith

Meets once a month at Village Church on a Sunday evening for a BBQ and men's Bible study.

Village Church Youth Group (Years 7 –12)

Meets weekly on Friday nights from 7-9pm during the school term for Bible study and fellowship.

Street Ministry

Village Church partners with 'Bought with a Price Ministry' here in Melbourne. Every Wednesday and Friday from 5pm to 7pm, a team witnesses at either Dandenong, Noble Park, Glen Waverley, Ringwood, or Springvale areas.

Marriage and Family Support

At Village Church, our heart is to serve the surrounding community to support the growth of families. Families and marriages are under attack, and we are committed to helping you out in any way. We have many gifted and equipped members who would love to listen, encourage, and give sound advice to you. Please call the church office if you need help.

Christ Church - Anglican Church Dingley Village



Vision: From within you shall flow rivers of living waters" John 7:38

Easter Services:

Maundy Thursday 7pm, 28th Washing of Feet and Holy Communion Service

Good Friday Service 10 AM, 29th Easter Sunday 10 AM Holy Communion Service

Special Events:

Bookings essential. Please book via office: **9551 7871**, admin@ccd.org.au

May: Men's Breakfast at McDonalds Braeside. Saturday morning to 8am date to be confirmed.

Sat 18th May

Ladies' Fellowship Lunch, 11am at Christ Church Dingley. Guest Speaker – Marriage & Relationships. Cost \$10 to cover lunch and speaker. RSVP 4th of May.

Sunday Services

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

Life Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

NEW - Mums & Bubs

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Youth Group Friday

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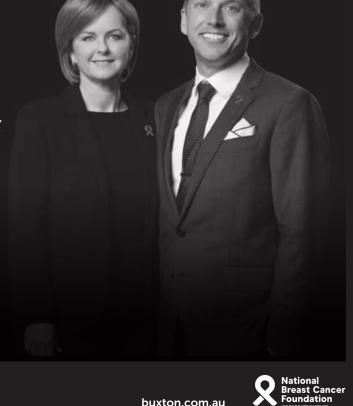


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