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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 3RD MARCH

Clean Up Australia inspires and mobilises communities to improve and conserve our environment, eliminate litter and end waste.

More than 21 million Aussies have participated in Clean Up Australia activities and events over the past three decades. Over that time Clean Up Australia has evolved to provide practical solutions to help all Australians live more sustainably every day of the year, and emerged as one of the country's most recognised, credible and trusted environmental charities.

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Of course, Australia's environmental challenges can't be solved in just one day, so Clean Up Australia works with community, government and businesses to provide practical solutions to help us all live more sustainably every day of the year.

Today the focus is as much on preventing rubbish entering our environment as it is removing what has already accumulated.

Australia's Waste Challenge goes far beyond one day... "We all need to Step Up." Australia's waste challenges continue to grow. Now, more than ever, it's time to Step Up and support solutions which move us towards a circular economy - where everything is a resource, and there is no such thing as waste.

Australia has a plastics problem. Australia now produces 2.5 million tonnes of plastic waste each year, equating to 100 kg per person.

Australians used 3.5 million tonnes of plastics in 2018 to 2019¹ of which around 60% was imported²

3.5 MILLION TONNES

One million tonnes of Australia's annual plastic consumption is single-use plastic⁵

Australia is missing out on an estimated \$419 million of economic value each year by not recovering all PET and HDPE³

84% of plastic used is sent to landfill and **only 13% is recycled⁴**

84%

Australia uses around 70 billion pieces of soft 'scrunchable' plastics, such as food wrappers, each year⁷

By 2050, it is estimated that plastic in the oceans will outweigh fish⁸

Our use of plastic is increasing, and across the world will double by 2040⁹

2X

In Australia approximately 130,000 tonnes of plastic leaks into the marine environment each year⁶

Of this, only 13% of plastic is recovered and 84% is sent to landfill. More concerningly, around 130,000 tonnes of the plastic we consume leaks into the marine environment each year. By 2025 it is predicted that 99% of seabirds worldwide will have ingested plastic.

What can you do?
Refuse. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Compost. We make very little use of the resources we already extract when we could be feeding them back into the resource loop, preventing rubbish entering the environment and waste going to landfill.

Will you make a pledge to improve the environment?

There are so many ways to Step Up. And remember, you don't have to be perfect to be amazing! Thousands of small steps make a big difference - together we can all be part of the solution.

Could you Step Up by saying no to straws? Taking your empty bottles and cans to a Container Refund Scheme? To bringing your own reusable water bottle? To composting? To buying recycled, to choosing not to buy fast fashion, rinsing your recyclables or minimising single-use plastics in your home?

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH | 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?

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Teens Games Group

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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 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 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.

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THANK YOU to our fabulous community for your ongoing support. Together we are helping thousands in need every year the right way. We have a few initiatives & requests underway & the following items are what we most need at the moment:

- NON PERISHABLE FOOD: Ongoing all year for people in need.
- Mini toiletries
- Handmade drawstring bags & cards with positive sayings in them such as "I hope you enjoy this gift". (mostly boys needed)
- New pencil cases & exercise books
- Small activities for school aged children
- Small tubes of toothpaste
- OLD MOBILE PHONES: Ongoing & in any condition, to be refurbished for domestic violence survivors.
- SLEEPING BAGS & BACKPACKS. For the homeless
- You can pop your items in the donation station at Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre 31C Marcus Rd.

Thank you! Thank you!

Make a Difference thanks those in our community who donated goods at Christmas time. As a result, we were able to distribute food vouchers (at Woolworths) food items; pay some pharmacy expenses and assist some with utility costs. We could also provide blankets, sheets, sanitary items, and most importantly, some toys for children.

Christmas can be stressful for many, and we were visited by many in January who found many agencies like ours closed for the holiday period. We thank Aaron at Buxton Dingley Village for supplying milk, the NAB at Keysborough for toys, and the wonderful shop keepers in our Village, for their contributions.

Anyone interested in donating to us, please ring us at (03) 9551 1799, or call by at 29 Marcus Road.

A safe and Happy New Year to all!

Special Dates in March (a very busy month for Health, Cultural and Religious events)

Endometriosis Awareness Month

Endometriosis affects more than 11% (830,000) of Australian women*. This disease can have a major impact on an individual's quality of life and wellbeing. This month is a time to address the disparities in healthcare and our understanding of those with endometriosis.

World's Greatest Shave

Someone in Australia is diagnosed with Leukaemia every hour. Each March, thousands of Australians make it their mission to help beat blood cancer by getting sponsored to shave, colour or cut their hair. Some have a personal connection to cancer, while others take part simply to have fun, challenge themselves or do something for a good cause.



11th March – 9th April, Ramadan, Islam

The holy month of Ramadan begins with the first light of dawn commemorating the revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. Throughout this month Muslims fast during daylight hours, celebrate an evening meal with family and friends, pray fervently and show charity to the poor.

18th – 24th March Harmony Week

Harmony Week celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our diverse. Schools, community groups and organisations across Australia host Harmony Week events.



1st March, St David's Day

St David is the patron saint of Wales. St David's Day has been a national celebration for the Welsh community since the 18th century, featuring parades, festivities and singing.

8th March, Maha Shivaratri, Hinduism

Maha Shivaratri (or 'Great Night of Shiva') is a festival celebrated in honour of the Hindu deity Lord Shiva, one of the deities of the Hindu Trinity.



8th March, International Women's Day

A global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.



17th March, St Patricks Day

This day is Ireland's National Day. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and brought Christianity to Ireland in the early days of the faith.

20th March, Naw Ruz, Baha'i

Naw Ruz is the Baha'i New Year which coincides with the vernal equinox. The inception of the Baha'i calendar was on 21 March 1844 CE with the declaration of the Bab, the Prophet-Herald of the Baha'i Faith.

21st March, Close the Gap

National Close the Gap Day aims to raise awareness about the health and life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

24th March, Palm Sunday, Christianity

The final Sunday before Easter Sunday marks the beginning of Christian Holy Week and commemorates the story of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem before his crucifixion.

24th March Purim, Judaism

Commemorates the time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination by the courage of a young Jewish woman, Queen Esther. Purim begins on the evening of 23 March and concludes on the evening of 24 March. Preceded by the Fast of Esther, Purim is a joyous holiday.

25th March, Holi, Hinduism

A joyous Hindu festival celebrating love, spring and victory of good over evil. People throw coloured water or coloured powder in celebration. Holika Dahan, the burning of an effigy of a mythical demoness named Holika, is performed the night before.

29th March, Good/Holy Friday, Christianity

Good Friday is a solemn Christian remembrance of the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

31st March, Easter Sunday, Christianity

Easter Sunday is the day of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, following his death by crucifixion.



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We hope the monthly DVCA reports in the Dingley Dossier help to keep you informed. DVCA members will continue working hard throughout 2024 to look after our community in various ways, making submissions on issues concerning the Village, monitoring planning applications and other development proposals, representing the Village on various community organisations.

2024 - What's Happening Here In Dingley Village?

Spring Rd Reserve Masterplan

The Masterplan is scheduled to be implemented in stages over several years, following Council's approval and adoption. Council's draft Masterplan to improve Spring Rd Reserve was released late last year for community feedback. The feedback received is currently being reviewed by Council so that the Masterplan can be finalised and presented to Council.

Hawthorn Football Club

Stage 1 of the Hawthorn Football Club (HFC) Development, the Kennedy Community Centre (KCC), is now underway, with the extensive foundation work having been undertaken.

The Official Opening Ceremony for the HFC development on Tootal Rd. was held last month. All members of the DVCA executive were invited and attended.

The symbolic "Turning of the 1st Sod" was performed by the Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese and other Dignitaries from the Federal & State Government, AFL and Kingston Council.

The KCC will be the home ground for Hawthorn's AFLW team and includes an open community oval with a 3-level pavilion and full game day amenities for AFLW home matches and community football.

Tootal Road Improvements

A planned upgrade to Tootal Road is scheduled by Council, which will include new pedestrian / cycle footpaths on the east side of Tootal Road to improve pedestrian connectivity and safety.

Dingley Village Shopping Centre

DVCA is working with Council on ideas to improve our village shopping centre amenity, seeking to improve/expand areas for social interaction and footpath trading and generally make it a more attractive place for us all to use.

Surf-N-Play Aqua Park Development Proposal - 321 Old Dandenong Rd

Draft Planning Amendment C222king Pellicano has submitted a new development proposal for the building of this Aqua Park in Dingley Village, under the Victorian Government's Development Facilitation Program (DFP).

A decision by the Planning Minister on this matter is expected by the end of March.

Kingswood Golf Course

Kingswood Golf Course's planning zoning has now changed:

from: 'Special Use Golf Course', which did not allow residential development to occur, protecting this green open space in the heart of our village.

to: General Residential Zone Schedule 7 (GRZ7)

This occurred in September last year when the Planning Minister decided to approve rezoning of the golf course for residential development (Amendment C199king with changes). The development proposal submitted by Australian Super for Kingswood was not approved by the Minister.

What Happens Now

A Development Overlay Plan has been legislated into the Kingston Planning Scheme (DP08), specifying conditions and requirements any future residential development plans proposed for Kingswood must meet.

Australian Super decided to sell the golf course following a review of its investment strategy for the super fund's property portfolio and Kingswood Golf Course is now up for sale.

DVCA remains vigilant and will be monitoring any development proposal/activity for Kingswood Golf Course.

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 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 7:30pm, located at 31b Marcus Rd. New members are most welcome to attend. For further information please contact the DVCA Secretary at dvcasecretary@gmail.com, or visit www.dvca.info

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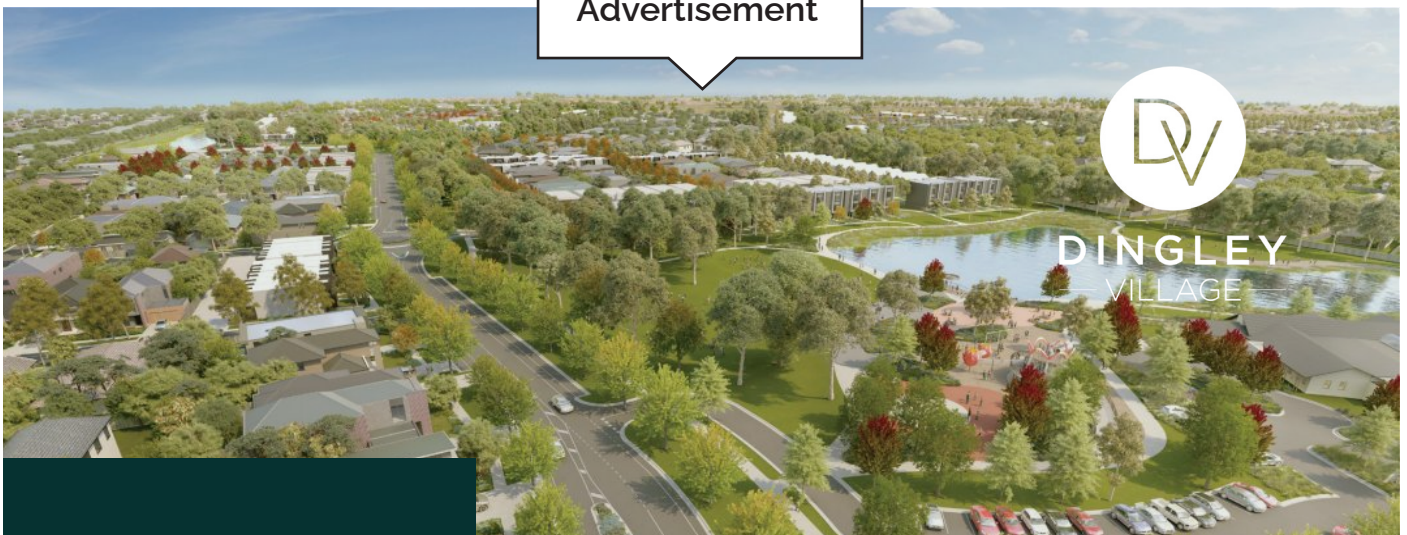


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Keep up to date

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

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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OUR COUNCIL

Making Kingston even more pet friendly

We are an animal loving bunch here in Kingston and committed to providing the best facilities, services and conditions for our furry friends and owners alike. The all new and off-leash dog park at Chadwick Reserve in Dingley Village is a great example of this.

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 also has a separate area for small dogs who might prefer to play with others their own size.

It's been absolutely great to see so many people and pets safely exercising and socialising since it opened late last year.

Attention has now turned to upgrading the off-leash dog park at Kingston Heath Reserve (to the north of the Kingston Heath Soccer Complex), with the draft concept plan now on exhibition for feedback from the community. The plan aims to provide an inviting open space with improved facilities for pets and owners to visit and

play while retaining the existing dog exercise equipment, trees, and surrounding pathways.

Highlights of the design include a new enclosed perimeter fence and double gated entrance; new shelter, benches and picnic tables; logs and nature play; new trees; improved surfacing; and a new drinking fountain.

Pet registration

All cats and dogs need to be registered with us from three months old and a registration tag is to be worn by dogs or cats at all times. New or older animals moving into Kingston also need to be registered.

You must renew current animal registrations by April 10 each year. City of Kingston will send you a reminder each year via mail.

You can also register, pay your renewal, update your details or request to receive registration reminder via email online at www.kingston.vic.gov.au/council/local-laws/pets/pet-registration

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!

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LOOKING AT LOANS



7 Reasons to refinance now

The cost-of-living crisis is real, household budgets are under review. Refinancing the home loan can help, but many people think the purpose of refinancing is just to chase a lower interest rate. Not so! Do any of these seven reasons to refinance apply to you?

1. Lower Interest Rate is certainly the number one factor. Having come off a roller coaster ride of down to circa 2% and back up again, everyone is complaining about high interest rates. Expectation is that rates have peaked now, but that they will not be heading down until late 2024.

Check your rate. Many unsuspecting bank victims have come off a low fixed rate to be now paying too much, believing the publicity of 'high rates', and just accepting it.

Chasing lower rates is only sensible if the savings are greater than the cost, but the net benefit is often there. Individual advice is essential, however as a start point – rates below 6% for the home loan are still available. If you are paying more than 6.5%, that is far too high. Ring us for a review!

2. Debt consolidation can bring significant benefit. Personal debt problems are common with credit cards, personal loans, and car loans being a burden. Credit cards with carry forward balances can have interest rates double or even triple the home loan rate. Benefits of refinancing can be substantial, lowering the interest rate and monthly repayment.

3. Lower home loan monthly repayments are sometimes the primary target of a refinance. This can be achieved even without much differential on interest rate, via extension back to a new 30-year term, or by use of interest only periods.

Cash flow savings can often be a primary driver to refinance, however care needs to be taken in analysis, as it can increase the life-of-loan interest expense. Individual advice is recommended.

4. Additional funds required is a fourth reason to refinance. Need some home repairs or renovations? It may be possible to increase your home loan to pay for that new kitchen and still keep the same monthly repayment. All via a clever refinance.

5. Bank products vary within and between different banks. The type of loan you have may not still be the best option. For example, we see many clients begin with a basic no-frill loan as a first home buyer, but as time goes on an offset account may be required. That then starts a whole new process of best option available comparisons, which may or may not lead to a recommendation to refinance.

6. Future planning is essential. A full and happy life has many adventures. Don't forget to take the home loan into account! If you have major changes in your life coming up, do not wait until the change happens, call us before-hand for review. The easy bookend examples to quote are having children and heading into retirement. In each case, what we can do for you is severely limited after the life changing event has occurred.

7. Bank service is unfortunately another clear and present reason for refinance. Whilst all banks tell us how they value their customers, there will be times when someone just wants to move banks due to bad customer experience. Refinancing can be of significant benefit for multiple reasons, but cost / benefit analysis does need credit advice tailored to your specific circumstances.

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What is Neurodiversity?

The term neurodiversity describes a concept where differences in neurological make-up, or brain-wiring, are considered and respected as a natural variation in humans.

Depending on how our brains are wired we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. Instead of labelling people with deficits or disorders, when we use the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges. Many 'challenges' neurodivergent people face are more to do with the environment and systems they are placed in, often designed by a majority population.

What neurodiversity covers

Neurodiversity covers a range of conditions. The most common are:

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (or ADHD) manifests as inattention, distractibility and impulsivity. It affects about 4% of children and 3% of adults.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (or ASD) typically involves degrees of difficulty in communicating with others and sensory overload. About 1% of the global population is estimated to be on the spectrum, with higher rates being diagnosed among children.

Dyslexia involves difficulties with reading and spelling. There is no agreed diagnosis. Estimates of its prevalence range from 3% to 20% (with 10-15% commonly cited).

Dyspraxia involves challenges with coordinating physical movements, including muscles for speaking. About 2% of the population are severely affected, with 6-10% estimated to be affected to some degree.

Dyscalculia involves challenges with numbers. It affects up to 10% of the population, with 3-6% commonly cited.

Tourette syndrome causes involuntary physical and vocal "tics". It affects an estimated 0.6% of the population.

Did you Know?

- No two people are the same and so we will all have different profiles.
- Although we talk about specific neuro-differences such as Autism and Dyslexia, the reality is that these can co-occur.
- Every neurodivergent individual has a unique pattern of strengths and challenges.
- We tend to operate on an approach to diagnosis and labels which can mean that quite often the focus is on the challenges rather than the many strengths and talents of neurodivergent individuals.
- It is important that we take a person-centred approach, by tailoring strategies to each individual.
- It is important to harness the strengths and talents of neurodivergent individuals, this helps to build confidence and self-esteem, and ensures individuals are given the opportunity to flourish in their day-to-day.

Autism is one of the most recognised forms of neurodivergence, and according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, an estimated 205,200 Australians (or 1 in 150 people) had autism in 2018. Other forms of neurodivergence, such as ADHD, dyslexia, and Tourette syndrome, are also relatively common, and underdiagnosed. While neurodiversity can make life more difficult, it can also make certain tasks easier. In some cases, neurodiverse ways of seeing and



making sense of the world can result in exciting discoveries and intriguing outcomes. Some signs of neurodiversity that can have a positive impact include:

- Ability to stay focused on a topic or activity of interest for long periods.
- Outside-the-box thinking, which can lead to innovative solutions to challenges.
- Strong observational skills and attention to detail.
- Superior ability to recognize patterns, including in codes and behaviours.
- Having strong skills in areas such as music, art, technology, and science.

Of course, these are very generalized descriptions. Certain skills are more likely to appear in, for example, an autistic person than a person with dyscalculia, or vice versa. Even then, every person is unique.

How to Support Someone Who Is Neurodivergent

Educate yourself.

Unfortunately, there are many misconceptions and stigmas surrounding neurodiverse individuals. By learning about the specific condition that someone has, you will gain a better understanding of their needs, behaviours, and communication style.

Ask questions.

Ask thoughtful questions to better understand their specific situation and how their condition affects them personally. You can show support when you know they're struggling or about to get into uncomfortable territory. You might ask questions like "How can I support you in this?" or "How can I make you more comfortable?"

Communicate directly.

Neurodiverse people might communicate in ways that are different from how you do. Direct and clear communication can be very helpful for talking to neurodiverse individuals. For example, autistic people might have difficulty picking up on social cues, nonverbal communication, and sarcasm, so being direct will allow them to stay aligned with what's happening. Direct communication may be very helpful for people with ADHD, too.

Simply be there for them.

Make it clear that you are an ally. Humans in general -- neurodiverse or not -- want to feel understood and supported. Let them know that you are here for them. Sometimes, just knowing that someone is in their corner can help brighten their spirits if they feel alone.

Steer clear of judgment.

Just because someone's brain works a bit differently, this does not mean they should be judged. Try to be understanding and compassionate of neurodiverse people so you can avoid passing judgment. On the same beat, you should avoid using labels, stigmatizing language, and making unkind assumptions or generalizations. This can be very hurtful to a neurodiverse person.

Respect their boundaries.

Since Neurodiverse people may have different social preferences, communicate differently, or take in their environment differently than you, it's important to understand their boundaries and respect them.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Kingswood has become politicised as Premier Jacinta Allan defended the appointment of Jeroen Weimar to oversee the Victorian government's housing policy.

If the Government had not thrown out all protocols and decided to bypass Councils and Residents PLUS ditched their **own guidelines** for Golf Courses, Kingswood would not be under threat. Democracy is just a dream of better times in the past.

Government is hiring 90 Town Planners to bypass councils and residents. This is unprecedented. Government was voted in to represent us, not destroy our much loved environment.

Kingswood has already been included in Government announcements stating where housing will be built.

The Government has already stated they will override councils and residents plus their decision is **final**.

The Save Kingswood Group knows much more about the eco and aqua system on Kingswood, that floods Dingley Village and downstream. Given the last flood plain map I have seen had 1966 on it and Melbourne Water banks up much of Clayton's street water on Kingswood, why has Melbourne Water not had meetings with us to see the immense Flood dangers we have thoroughly documented?

Should the insane development proceed on Kingswood, and the widespread floods occur, we will commence a class action.

Kevin Poulter.
www.savedingley.com

WRITERS CORNER



Trent

Trent walks alongside the long dusty country road. All he carries is an average sized canvas backpack and his acoustic guitar in its soft case. He enjoys the chorus of the birds in the tall overgrown Cyprus trees as he plods along. He isn't quite sure where he hopes to go. As far away from here as he can get, he supposes, although he holds no bad blood with this town. He just needs to start a new adventure.

The late morning sun burns into his face and neck. It sure does have a kick to it this morning. He considers whether he should take a break from his travels in order to unburden himself of his dark brown corduroy jacket. He thinks better of this and carries on, determined to make this change to his life happen. He's has taken the leap now and doesn't intend to delay the process any longer than absolutely necessary.

Something sparks his interest. He listens. Is that a car in the distance? He stops. With hopeful anticipation building, he strains his ears to identify a sound, which isn't easy with all these damn birds screeching. He strains further... No. Not a car this time.

Disappointed he continues on his way. A welcome breeze dances through his long, dark curls. Why his Mum would want him to cut off his cherished locks he will never understand. Why would she deny him the simple pleasure of the wind through his hair? She can nag all she wants; he'll be eighteen next week. Legally declared a man. He can then vote, drink and go to war if the possibility arises. He smiles to himself as he ponders his looming adulthood.

Trent just manages to hear a barely audible hum lost in the thundering wind in his ears... Yep. That's definitely a car approaching this time. He turned himself around to face the direction of the sound. A copper speck is just visible behind the haze lifting off the road. "Oh, please stop." He mutters through

clenched teeth. The speck grows as it fast approaches. Now's his chance. He extends his arm exposing his thumb through an otherwise clenched fist. This is it! However, instantly frustration washes over him. He knows this now clearly visible brown Commodore has no intention of slowing down let alone stopping. He looks into the windows with pleading in his eyes.

The older couple in the front look straight ahead, careful not to acknowledge him. The girl in the backseat of similar age pretends not to be looking but she is - he can tell. Only their dog a brindle bull type beast watches him shamelessly with its tongue lolling from its mouth in a pant. The car races off at a speed that seems much quicker than it took to approach him.

'Oh well,' He thinks to himself. 'They look too normal anyway. You have to watch the normal ones. They're likely to kidnap you and steal your vital organs.' He sniggered to himself at the thought. In all honesty he wasn't surprised they didn't stop. Where would he sit with that girl and her huge dog taking up the back seat anyway?

He decides now is the time to shed his hefty jacket. He whips it off swiftly and ties it around his waist. "Somebody will stop sooner or later" he tells himself as he takes determined steps towards his new life.

-Julia S

Dingley Village Writers Group

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

Seeing double? An optometrist's guide to diplopia

What is diplopia?

Diplopia, commonly known as double vision, is a visual phenomenon where a single object appears as two distinct images. The duplication of images can occur horizontally, vertically, or diagonally and may be constant or intermittent. This condition arises when the eyes are unable to align properly and focus on the same point at the same time, disrupting the normal binocular vision process.

Types of diplopia?

There are two main types of diplopia: monocular and binocular. Monocular diplopia occurs when the double vision persists even when one eye is closed, indicating an issue within a single eye, such as a refractive error or cataract.

Binocular diplopia, on the other hand, is present only when both eyes are open and is often related to misalignments of the eyes, nerve disorders, or other underlying health conditions affecting the eye muscles.

Binocular diplopia can be further classified into two main categories: acquired and congenital. Acquired diplopia refers to the condition developing later in life, often due to various underlying health issues. Common causes include trauma, head injuries, nerve palsies, stroke, or neurological disorders such as multiple sclerosis.

Other factors like thyroid eye disease, myasthenia gravis, and certain medications may also contribute to acquired diplopia. Diagnosis and treatment usually involve addressing the underlying cause, ranging from corrective lenses to surgical interventions.

On the other hand, congenital diplopia is present from birth and typically arises due to developmental abnormalities in the eye muscles or nerves. Conditions such as strabismus, where the eyes are misaligned, or congenital cranial nerve palsies can result in double vision.

Management of congenital diplopia often involves early intervention, including eye exercises, patching, or, in some cases, surgical correction to align the eyes properly. Understanding the specific cause is crucial for tailoring effective treatment strategies for both acquired and congenital diplopia.

Treatment for diplopia?

Corrective Lenses: If diplopia is caused by refractive errors, such as astigmatism or presbyopia, prescription glasses or contact lenses may be recommended to improve vision and alleviate double vision.

Eye Exercises: In cases where eye muscle weakness or imbalance is the cause, a doctor or eye specialist may prescribe eye exercises to strengthen and coordinate the eye muscles. These exercises aim to improve the alignment of the eyes and reduce double vision.

Prism Lenses: Prism glasses can be prescribed to adjust the way light enters the eyes, helping to align images and reduce double vision. Prism glasses are particularly useful for those with binocular diplopia.

Botulinum Toxin Injections: For individuals with conditions like strabismus or certain types of nerve palsies, botulinum toxin or more commonly known as "Botox" injections can be administered to temporarily weaken specific eye muscles, allowing for better alignment.

Surgery: In some cases, surgical intervention may be necessary to correct misalignments of the eyes. This could involve adjusting the position of the eye muscles or other surgical procedures to address the underlying cause of diplopia.

Diplopia presents a range of challenges and concerns for affected individuals. If you or a loved one is concerned about double vision, particularly if it is of recent onset, make it a priority to see your optometrist for a comprehensive eye test.

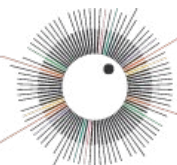
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As we look to the future, we are seeking new board members to join us in our mission. We are particularly interested in individuals with a background in accounting, legal, or marketing, as these skills will be invaluable in helping us to continue to grow and evolve as an organisation. As a board member, you will have the opportunity to work alongside a dedicated team of individuals who are passionate about making a difference in our community. You will be involved in decision-making processes, strategic planning, and will play a crucial role in shaping the future of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

By joining our board, you will have the chance to make a real impact on the lives of those in our community. Whether it's through your expertise in accounting, legal, or marketing, or simply through your dedication and commitment to our community, your contributions will be valued and appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, we encourage you to get in touch with us today. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those who call Dingley Village home.

**Rob – Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre President
Please contact, myself or the Centre Manager:
Rob Guerra: Rob.Guerra1@gmail.com
Trudy Pritchard: manager@dvnc.com.au**





Dingley Primary School



With great enthusiasm, we embark on another exciting school year together at Dingley Primary School. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces returning after the holiday break and feeling rejuvenated and prepared for an exciting year ahead.

Here's what's been happening so far at Dingley Primary School...

Celebrating Success: 3-6 Swimming Carnival

We are thrilled to announce the great success of our recent 3-6 Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day filled with excitement, fun, and incredible talent showcased by our students. We would like to thank Deb Lowther and Fleur Dean for their outstanding organisation of the event. We are proud of the students who will go on to represent Dingley Primary School at the upcoming Mordialloc District Swimming Carnival on Thursday 29 February and we wish them all the very best of luck!



Local News

It was great seeing one of our Year 2 students, Edie, representing the Dingley Dingoes on Friday 9 February at the new Kennedy Centre in Dingley. What an amazing experience for her to be a part of and to meet our Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese! Well done, Edie!



School Fun Day

We welcomed all members of the Dingley Primary School community to the 2024 school year by hosting our School Fun Day on Thursday 15 February. During the school day, students participated in activities ranging from Ninja Warrior, inflatable basketball, mini golf and more.

But the excitement didn't end there! We extended a warm invitation to some of the kinder groups at Marcus Road Kindergarten who had a blast! Our families joined us in the festivities from 3:30pm to participate in the activities, enjoy a sausage sizzle and participate in the raffle where attendees had the chance to win vouchers or goodies from our local businesses. We thank the following businesses for their support- Flowers by Kathleen Kelly, Busy Burgers, The Bangkok Eatery, Ajisai Dingley, and Ann Ann Nails.



We were delighted to share that this event was entirely free for families, thanks to the generous contributions from our community partners: Community Bank Dingley Village, Michal Kojdo from Buxton Dingley, Woolworths Dingley Village, and Bakers Delight Dingley. Their amazing support enabled us to host a memorable event as we welcomed the new school year!

Reading Rockets

We are pleased to be able to host Reading Rockets at Dingley Primary School on Fridays from 9:30am! Reading Rockets is a one-hour 'school readiness' class for children attending 4-year-old Kinder. Students will focus on early reading, writing and numeracy skills.



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Locals Combine To Make History

Way back in 2013 both the Dingley Village Men's Shed (DVMS) and the Dingley Village Bendigo Community Bank (DVBCB) began significant initiatives which would grow to become important to our whole community.

Ironically, a lady, Pam Gates - now editor of the Dingley Dossier, was pivotal in the commencement of the Men's Shed. At about this time the Bendigo Community Bank began their recognition of an outstanding individual citizen's commitment to the Dingley Village community with their Annual Citizen of the Year Award. Fast Forward to 2023 and our local bank recognised, for the very first time, a group as their Citizen of the Year. This group is the DVMS.

Beginning with only a handful of members but now boasting over 200, mostly retired men, they enjoy a wide variety of interests at our facilities in Braeside Park.

During the past 10+ years many worthy individuals have been recognised for their time and effort in support of our community.

The DVMS has grown to the point where it is now providing assistance in a number of different ways to local organisations including Make A Difference, Salvation Army, SES, Life Saving Clubs, Parks Vic especially in Braeside and Karkarook Parks to mention a few. The Dingley/Cheltenham View Club will add this donation to their support of The Smith Family who assist local children with school books, uniforms etc.



L to R Geoff Hergt Pres DVMS, Lyn Burgess View Club, Darren Bodey Chairman Bendigo Bank, Trish Vains Manager Bendigo Bank, Emma Erkhardt, Community Engagement Officer Bendigo Bank and Fran Thomas VP Dingley/Cheltenham View Club

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accepts the Citizen of the Year Award from Bendigo Bank Chairman Darren Bodey

So, apart from the benefits of camaraderie, fellowship and the ability to pursue their own interests within our Shed these men are making a sizable contribution to our community as a whole. Our regular involvement in the monthly Dingley Village Farmer's Market is just one example.

Apart from the valuable service to both business and private Dingley Village residents our sole bank branch (Bendigo Community Bank) supports not just the Men's Shed but many, many other local organisations, groups, clubs etc.

When you consider the efforts of such a lot of our residents who support our community it is little wonder that "Locals Combine To Make History" for the benefit of ALL.

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Country Women's Association Dingley Village



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Change is in the air for the Country Women's Association (CWA) Dingley Village branch as we undergo a temporary relocation during the construction of the new Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Our new temporary home? The spacious and versatile Dingley Scout Hall, conveniently situated at 65 Centre Dandenong Road, Dingley Village.

The Scout Hall has become a hub of activity for our branch, providing us with the extra space needed to continue our regular meetings, monthly craft sessions, and even exercise classes. We have truly embraced our temporary location, making the most of the opportunities it has presented.

While we eagerly anticipate the completion of the new Dingley Neighbourhood Centre, we have come to appreciate the sense of adaptability and resilience that our temporary home has instilled within us. It is a demonstration of our branch's strong spirit and unwavering dedication to our mission. 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 14th of March and the April one is on the 11th. Starting time is 7.00 PM and meals and snacks are available if you want to make a night of it. Of course you have the usual wide choice of beverages being dispensed for your indulgence.

A great time was enjoyed by the members who attended the Chinese New Year celebrations at Springvale. Lots of dragons present?

Our regular dinner is usually on the last Saturday of the month but with Easter Saturday on the 30th March it has been brought to the 23rd of March. 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 – Get ready for the Easter bunny!

Probus Club Dingley Central



At our February Meeting the club celebrated their 33rd Birthday. Our special guest Max The Magician, presented a very entertaining show, high lighting his magic tricks. Max's quips also provided us with plenty of laughs. A group of members enjoyed a pleasant dine out at the Dingley Hotel.

Activities planned for March: Happy Hour, Legs and Morning coffee, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, Morning Melodie's, Dine Out, Craft Group and Games Day.

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

Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

We hope that you all survived the recent wild weather OK. I was not particularly impressed with having to literally wade to get to my car at the Dingley Shopping Centre, neither did I like the loss of power at my home (hooray for being able to heat water on a gas BBQ).

Our arrangements for March are as follows:

- **Monday 4th** – Games, Cards, Rummikub and Scrabble plus our new Dominoes game, followed by afternoon tea.
- **Wednesday 6th** – Bus trip to Arthur's Seat for a ride on the Eagle – then travel back to Mornington to have lunch at the Grand Hotel. Bookings for this outing are essential.
- **Monday 11th** - is a Public Holiday – no Club activities.
- **Monday 18th** – Games, Cards, Rummikub and Scrabble.
- **Monday 25th** – Bingo (commences at 1:00 p.m. and please bring your Easter Bonnets) followed by afternoon tea.

There will be no organised activities on the 1st of April, this being Easter Monday.

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.

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.

The Dingley Village Men's Shed is in Cypress Drive, Braeside Park (near Visitors Centre), Lower Dandenong Road.

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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

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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 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 & 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. We are celebrating our 43rd birthday on the 19th of March and Col Perkins will be providing the entertainment. Entertainment schedules: 19 March - Col Perkins, 16 April - Marcia Rae.

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.

Easter Services

Friday 29 March @ 10am – Good Friday
Sunday 31 March @ 10am – Easter Sunday.

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

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Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church



Cnr. Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton

Sunday services at 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion second Sunday of the month at 10.00 a.m. All enquiries phone **0431 244 561**
www.heathertondingleyuca.org.au

Our Vision and our Mission

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

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday, 29th March at 9 a.m. followed by morning tea and hot cross buns. Easter Sunday, 31st March at 10 am

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

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

Village Church Inc.



Address: 7-9 Fiveways Blvd Keysborough 3173

Pastor: Rodney Hole Elders: Andrew Weston & Malcolm Crouch
Church Office: 8712 8254 or admin@villagechurch.org.au

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.
- Tea and coffee are served after the service.

Please Note: No church service on Sunday 10th March due to our Church family camp

Village Church Easter Program

Friday 29th March, Good Friday Service – 9am (no live stream). Sunday 31st March, Easter Sunday Service – 10am

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
Sat 2nd Mar: Women's Breakfast, 7:45am at Christ Church Dingley. Discussion topic - The Importance of Women's Ministry.

Sat 16th Mar

Men's Breakfast, 8am at McDonald's Braeside, crn Boundary & Centre Dandenong Rds. Guest speaker. Cost of food and drink.

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

1pm – 2pm Wednesdays during school term. Please contact our office for details.

Connect Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

Youth Group Friday

Resumes Friday 2nd February. Drop off 6:30 pm, pick up 9 pm (sign-in essential) Lots of fun and engaging activities for ages 11 to 17 years during school term. Contact our office for details.

Pleasant Tuesday Service

2 pm, 2nd Tuesday Each Month. Traditional Holy Communion with favourite hymns in the Heritage Church followed by a social afternoon tea. Please contact our office for transport if needed.

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