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# FREE THINGS TO DO IN MELBOURNE WITH YOUR FAMILY THIS FESTIVE SEASON

**Melbourne hosts numerous free Christmas activities, lights, and festive events across the CBD and throughout the suburbs from late November through December.**

### Christmas Lights

A walk to enjoy the Christmas lights is the perfect evening activity to do with your whole family, you can find local light displays in your suburb on Christmas Light Search, or head into the city and visit large scale installations, multiple Christmas events and sights.

www.christmaslightsearch.com.au/melbourne/

### Christmas Square 27 Nov – 25 Dec

Federation Square has been transformed into a Christmas wonderland, visit the 17.5 metre tall Christmas Tree and the Christmas light up sculptures.

Experience the spectacular light and sound shows, play on the glowing bell swings and soak up the festive atmosphere. It's open all day and night until Christmas Day.

### Myer Windows

The Myer Christmas Windows return for their 71st season and this Christmas Myer has bought the Toy Story picture book Merry Christmas Woody to life.

Across six windows at Myer Melbourne, the story follows Woody as he worries about finding the perfect presents for his friends, while Buzz Lightyear, Jessie, Rex and the rest of the toys get ready for Buzz's big Christmas party.

The windows are open from 10am to 8 pm every day until Christmas Eve. There is no cost of admission and no booking required but be prepared for a queue.



### Crown Christmas River Show 4th – 25th December 9pm - 11pm

The breathtaking river show returns to the Birrarung – Yarra River this Christmas! Head to Yarra Promenade outside Crown to catch this dazzling Christmas visual display featuring water fountains, lasers, light projections and a festive soundtrack.

### Melbourne Town Hall Projections

Every year, the Melbourne Town Hall on Swanston Street is lit up with an incredible display of Christmas themed lights and projections. There's even a clock to count down to Christmas, so you can start getting excited for the big day!

### Christmas Carnival on banks of the Yarra 11th – 24th December

Located on Birrarung Marr, this fun event includes a Ferris wheel with views of the city, beloved carnival games, and rides for kids and adults alike. The Christmas Carnival runs until Christmas Eve, 2.pm to 10.30pm. Entry is free, with tickets available for purchase for each ride.

### Christmas Markets

Christmas and handmade markets showcase the wares of local producers, local designers and creators and you can find beautiful and different food and gifts for the whole family. These markets have a relaxed vibe that makes them a very pleasant shopping experience for the family.

### Dingley Village Twilight Farmers Market Saturday 19th December 1 – 6 pm

**Free Public Transport:** Enjoy free public transport on all metro and regional services on Christmas Day (December 25) from 3:00 am to 3:00 am on Boxing Day.

### Low cost family events
### Carols by Candlelight Rehearsal Night

Rehearsal Night is a great opportunity to experience the magic of Carols by Candlelight in a more casual environment at a lower price. Remember, this is a working rehearsal, but not a dress rehearsal, so you may hear some of your favourite Christmas songs a couple of times as the artists perfect their performances. Adult tickets start at $41, and Children/ Concession can access tickets from $28.

Wednesday, 23 December 2026 from 4:00 PM, Sidney Myer Music Bowl.. https://carols.visionaustralia.org/tickets



### Christmas Cinema

Grab the popcorn and enjoy a series of festive films at the stunning Capitol Theatre, 113 Swanston St Melbourne, with a mix of family favourites and cult classics: Klaus, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, Home Alone 2, Bridget Jones's Diary. Cost, Adult $10, Senior $5, Student / concession $5, Children $5. Book online. https://collections.humanitix.com/christmas-cinema

*Public transport* is still half price in Victoria until Friday 1 January 2027. This includes Melbourne trains, trams and buses as well as regional trains, coaches and buses.*

## DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

**The Board, Staff and Volunteers would like to thank everyone for their support in 2026 and wish you all a safe and happy holidays.**

*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?

31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village. 8512 0505 admin@dvnc.com.au

## 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

**Vic Emergency Hotline**
1800 226 226

**Poisons Info:** 13 11 26

**Emergency Relief**
(MADDV) 9551 1799

**MensLine:**
1300 789 978

**WIRE**
**(Women's Information and Referral Exchange):**
1300 134 130

**Safe Steps:**
1800 015 188

**Nurse on Call:**
1300 60 60 24

**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

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**Justice of the Peace**

Marion Harriden 9551 1799

**Document Signing Station**
Springvale Library
1300 630 920

**Beginners Line Dancing**
A lot of fun, great exercise, and music, Lorraine will teach you beginners line dancing. Weekly on Monday nights from 7.30pm-8.30pm. In the Harold Box Hall. Bring water bottle & small towel. $10.00 per session and an eftpos machine is used for cards only.

*No Cash: Enquires: admin@dvnc.com.au or Ph: **8512 0505**



**Patchwork for Charity**
Tuesdays from 10am -12pm with our volunteers Helen and Carrie, they are creating a variety of handmade items for charity organisations, and any fabric donations are greatly appreciated. Beginners welcome to learn hands-on.




**Dingley Village Social Group**
Looking to meet new people in a fun, relaxed setting?
Playing cards, games, bingo, scrabble & mahjong. Every Monday from 1.00pm-3.30pm in the Harold Box Hall at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

31b Marcus Rd Dingley Village VIC 3172. $2.00 per visit & light refreshments are provided. Enquiries: admin@dvnc.com.au or Ph: **8512 0505.**

**Neurodiverse Parents Support Group with Geraldine**

We are a parent-led support group, creating a welcoming space for all to come and share their experiences in raising primary school aged children with Autism and/or ADHD. Meet in Meeting Rooms 4/5 every 3rd Wednesday of the Month from 6.30pm-8.00pm

Contact Geraldine Howley on **0449 150 415** or email: geraldineahowley@gmail.com.

**Games Group**
A fun environment for teenagers, through to young adults to enjoy games together. Strategy, fantasy & sci-fi style board & role-playing.

**Free event,** Friday 5.30 – 7.30 pm in DVNC meeting room 4,5 & 6 and Girls Club – Craft Room.



**Dingley Village_Playgroup**
**Monday** 9.00am-11.00am
**Tuesday** 9.30am-11.30am
$40.00 Term fee in the Playgroup room. In the new DVNC centre & Early Years services building. Email: admin@dvnc.com.au or Ph: **8512 0505**



**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.

**Body and Balance with Norma**
This class focuses 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**
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.

**Pilates**
Mums and Bubs Pilates Tuesdays 11.15am-12pm $12 session. Mat Pilates Tuesdays 12.30 – 1.15 pm $12 per session in the Harold Box Hall but please pay at reception first. Need to bring Yoga Mat, Water bottle and towel. All enquires please contact admin@dvnc.com.au or Ph: **8512 0505.**

**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 DVNC meeting room 4 & 5. Free Class, no need to book, just come along.

**Chatty Café with Sue & Jo**
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 staff room in the new DV Neighbourhood centre. 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.

**Taekwondo with David**
Mondays 5pm-7pm & Thursdays 5pm-8pm in the 'Harold Box Hall'. If you are interested in joining, contact David on **0439 304 579.**

**Tai Chi with James**
Tai Chi aids the reduction of anxiety of stress; it also helps increase flexibility and balance. Sessions are held in the Harold Box Hall.

Tuesdays - 9am - 11am.
Wednesdays - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Contact James: **0430 570 460.**






**JOIN A CLUB!**





# COMMUNITY

**Congratulations Dingley Primary Schools**



Dingley Primary School recently achieved a HIGH overall performance ranking across both learning and wellbeing domains by the Department of Education.

This recognition reflects the dedication of teachers, the engagement of students, and the strong support of the entire school community.

Well Done!

**Merry Christmas /Happy Holidays**




The months of December and January are a special time of the year for many people, we have important secular holidays and several major religions observe significant events, extending holiday greetings and wishes for Peace and Happiness for All.

So if someone wishes you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Solstice, Happy New Year… say "Thank you!"

Whatever your belief or non-belief, don't be offended, accept the intent behind the words and enjoy that someone took the time to wish you well.

**Christmas Twilight Market**

Dingley Village Farmers' Market will be holding a twilight market on the 19th December instead of their regular day time market.

Heaps of fun activities for all the family, say hello to Santa, meet the Hawthorn team mascots, listen to Carols and music throughout the evening and much more. Saturday 19th December 1 – 6pm Marcus Rd Reserve.

**Carols by Kingston**

It is the perfect excuse to bring your family together and enjoy a festive night out in Kingston.

The evening will include live performances with Tim Cambell headlining and MC's Rob Mills and Bobby Fox.

The night also includes kids' activities, food stalls and a magical fireworks finale. Carols by Kingston is a free event held at Bicentennial Park in Chelsea on Sunday, 6th December 2026, 5:00 PM to 09:30 PM.



## SPECIAL DATES IN DECEMBER DECEMBER & JANUARY

**3rd December: International Day of People with Disabilities**

Today, the world population is over 8 billion people and more than one billion people, or approximately 15 per cent of the world's population, live with some form of disability; 80 per cent live in developing countries.

**5th – 12th December: Hanukkah * Judaism**




Hanukkah or Chanukah commemorates the recapture and rededication by the Jewish people of the Jerusalem Temple in 165 BCE. The festival lasts eight days and nights. An additional candle is lit each night to symbolise the miracle of the cruse of oil that lasted eight days. Also known as the Feast of Lights.

**8th December: Bodhi Day - Buddhism**

Bodhi Day commemorates the day the Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, reached enlightenment under the Bodhi tree around 596 BCE. Also celebrated on lunar date which can fall in January.

**25th December: Christmas Day Christianity**

Christmas Day is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, who is considered by Christians to be the Son of God, and the saviour of all people.

In Australia, Christmas is both a religious and cultural holiday, celebrated by people of all backgrounds with festive decorations, family gatherings, gift giving, meals and community events. The day reflects themes of generosity, kindness, joy and togetherness. [Celebrated on January 7th by some Orthodox Churches].

**26th December: Boxing Day**




Boxing Day is a public holiday observed in Australia on 26 December, the day after Christmas Day. Traditionally, Boxing Day has its origins in the United Kingdom, where it was associated with giving boxes of gifts, food or money to those in need and to people who worked on Christmas Day.

In Australia today, Boxing Day is widely recognised as a day for relaxation, spending time with family and friends, and enjoying leisure activities following the Christmas celebrations.

It is also well known for major sporting events, retail sales and community gatherings.

**26th January: Australia Day**

Australia Day is Australia's national day and is a public holiday observed across the country. It is a time for many people to reflect on what it means to be Australian, celebrate contemporary Australia, and acknowledge the nation's history.

The date marks 26 January 1788, when Captain Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove and raised the Union Jack, beginning British colonisation.

Australia Day is also when the Australian of the Year Awards are announced, recognising individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

Awards are presented in four categories: Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year, and Local Hero.

** Holy days (mainly Jewish, Islamic and Baha'i) which begin at sundown on previous day and continue until sundown.*

*** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.*

**Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre is now on Instagram**

We would love for you to follow us. Please either scan the code or search Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre on Instagram




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



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## Dingley Village Police Update

**Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000)**
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.

neighbourhoodwatchkingston www.nhw.com.au

## Key Tips to Stay Road Safe

The Christmas and New Year period is one of the most dangerous times on Australian roads.

- Manage Fatigue: Take a break of at least 15 minutes every two hours on long drives, and avoid driving when you would normally be asleep.
- Avoid Distractions: Put your phone away. Texting or looking at a screen takes your eyes off the road for a massive chunk of your travel time.
- Watch Your Speed: Stick to posted limits. Police ramp up highway patrols and enforcement over the holidays.
- Never Drink or Drive: Drink driving accounts for a significant portion of fatal crashes in Australia.
- Check Your Vehicle: Inspect your tyres, lights, fluid levels, and any trailer or caravan hookups before setting off.

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


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**The DVCA would like to wish all our residents all the best for the Festive Season and a very Happy New Year in 2027.**

**INFORMATION NIGHT**

In recognition of our Information Night held on the 1st of December, we would like to thank all the organisations and participants for their support and the information they shared with our Dingley residents. Firstly, Kingswood Primary School, Dingley Primary School and the Dingley Scouts, the Dingley Baseball Club and the Hawthorn Football Club.

Thank you to the Satterley Property Group for their attendance. We appreciated the contribution and updates from our local Kingston Council. Thank you also to the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. A very warm thank you to the Bendigo Bank for all their community support throughout the year and for their contribution to the Information Night. Finally, thank you to all our residents who attended this important event.




**MULTI-SPORT INDOOR FACILITY**

The DVCA is encouraging and supporting the proposal for an Indoor Sport Multi-Purpose Stadium for community use which will be run by the council at the Hawthorn Kennedy Centre. We would like to see our councillors supporting this plan, so it is possible for it to become a sporting precinct, thereby giving our residents access to this facility.

**RED CHRISTMAS BOWS IN DINGLEY**



The decoration of Red Christmas Bows you see around Dingley this festive season are there to lift our spirits. The DVCA assisted the council to extend the number of red ribbons around our suburb.

**Snap/Send/Solve – How you can help**

Residents who have used this App already know how effective it can be. The DVCA is aware of a number of unsightly areas in our community.

It is heartening to see that the unsightly rubbish along the side of Westall Road has now been removed.

We remind residents that they can use this App to send a photograph of local problems to the appropriate authorities. This could also be in relation to uneven footpaths, traffic hinderances, damaged infrastructure and so on.

**Bottle Refunds – Remember**

Many residents have been supporting the DVCA by recycling their bottles. We thank all members of our community who have supported us so far. If you are a local resident who would like to help the DVCA, but you don't know how, one option is to contribute your recycling bottles and cans to our 'Return It' CDS Vic Depot fund by using our Barcode number: C2000009985. We welcome everyone's support and contributions.







**Support Our Dingley Village Shops**

Please remember – it's in your interest to continue to do so – each dollar you spend locally helps keep our shopping centre strong and vibrant by continuing to provide us with great local services right here in Dingley Village.

**Can we help?**

If you have a local issue you need help with – don't hesitate to contact us and we will see if we can assist you with it.

**DVCA Contact Information**

Contact us by email at dvcasecretary@gmail.com or come to our monthly evening meeting.

**DVCA Meeting Information**

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday each month, February – November, in Meeting Rooms 4 and 5, at 31b Marcus Road. Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 13th of October 2026.

The DVCA is always looking for interested residents to join the association and help further the various issues for the improvement of Dingley Village. The Dingley Village Community Association (DVCA) is an incorporated voluntary body formed in 1971 to advocate for the interests of Dingley Village residents.

The association concentrates on enhancing the Village's character, environment and resident safety and is not affiliated to any particular political party.

Membership is open to all residents over the age of 16 who genuinely care about our Village.

For further information please contact the DVCA Secretary. Email: dvcasecretary@gmail.com

# DINGLEY VILLAGE

# CHRISTMAS

# TWILIGHT MARKET

From farm fresh produce to mouthwatering treats, there's no shortage of Christmas specials to tempt you at your Dingley Village Farmers market!

## SATURDAY

## 19th DECEMBER

## 1pm to 6 pm

## 31 Marcus Rd, Dingley Village

Bring the family and participate in the fun activities for all, while checking out all the stalls for Christmas specials and treats

**Activities and times**



**1 to 3pm** Children activities
**2-3pm** Carol singers.
**2.30pm** Arrival of Father Christmas
**3.30pm** Christmas hunt

**After arrival, Father Christmas will wander the market greeting children and distributing lollies until 3.15 pm**

**Other activities: Xmas Raffle**
**Art exhibition & Mens Shed Band**

# OUR COUNCIL

## Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos elected Mayor of Kingston

Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos has been elected Mayor of the City of Kingston for the next 12 months, with Councillor Chris Howe elected to serve as Deputy Mayor. Cr Athanasopoulos has served on Kingston Council since 2024 when he was elected in the Bunjil Ward. A small business owner, he brings a wealth of experience to the role, having previously served eight years as a Glen Eira councillor, including serving as Mayor in 2017–2018.

Cr Athanasopoulos said he is honoured to have the opportunity to lead Kingston Council and represent the Kingston community. "It's an absolute honour and privilege to be elected Mayor.

This is an incredible opportunity to work together with my fellow councillors, our staff and our community to keep making Kingston a great place to live, work and visit," Cr Athanasopoulos said. "I will strive to listen to our community and make decisions that deliver real benefits for our city. Kingston has much to look forward to over the next 12 months, including the opening of the new Mordi Aquatic Centre to boost local health and wellbeing plus delivery of fantastic local facilities and high-quality services."

Cr Athanasopoulos said strong advocacy and partnerships would also be a priority in the year ahead, particularly following the Victorian election. "It's important that we continue to build strong relationships with other levels of government to ensure Kingston has a seat at the table, is speaking up on behalf of our community and securing funding for important local projects. A key focus will be working with other levels of government to pursue funding for an indoor stadium for Kingston." "We will continue to work for better roads and transport, improved local facilities and investment in the services and infrastructure our growing community needs."

Deputy Mayor Howe, who represents Banksia Ward and has served on Kingston Council since 2024, strives to create a Council for the people, delivering practical outcomes that make a real difference to our 170,000 residents. "I am focused on enhancing the presentation of our suburbs, improving safety, access and connectivity, while attracting investment into our long, coastal city by the Bay – all in the efforts of creating opportunities, strengthening our local economy and delivering lasting benefits," Cr Howe said. "I feel privileged to be twice elected Deputy Mayor and will be working closely with state and federal governments to once again collaborate for success."

For more information on all our councillors visit www.kingston.vic.gov.au/councillors



Mayor Tony Athanasopoulos (left) and Deputy Mayor Chris Howe.

## Kingston explores opportunities to boost indoor sport

Kingston Council is exploring all available opportunities to deliver much-needed indoor sporting facilities and give more local players the chance to play closer to home.

The work supports the direction of Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy, and action 8 of the action plan, which talks to strengthening sporting opportunities and helping ensure the community has access to quality facilities to stay active and connected.

Council is investigating potential locations and partnerships for a new community indoor stadium, including opportunities at Hawthorn Football Club's Kennedy Community Centre in Dingley Village and within St Kilda Football Club's RSEA Park precinct. Mayor Tony Athanasopoulos said there was a clear need for more indoor sporting facilities across Kingston and Melbourne's south-east. "Around 6,500 registered basketball players live in Kingston, with approximately 80 per cent currently travelling outside our city to play.

"We want to change that and create more opportunities for people to play sport closer to home. "While basketball is a key driver of demand, additional indoor courts could also support netball, volleyball, badminton and pickleball, as well as school programs, inclusive activities and community events."

Cr Athanasopoulos said Council was committed to exploring all options and working with potential partners and all levels of government to find the best outcome for the community.

"This is about creating more opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to get active, connect with others and be part of their community. "Delivering facilities like this takes cooperation and a shared commitment. We want to explore every opportunity to deliver infrastructure that will benefit our community and the wider south-east for years to come."

Around five additional indoor courts will be needed by 2031, with further growth expected over the following decade as demand for indoor sport continues to increase.

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**City of Kingston modified hours and closures during the Christmas and New Year period.**

**Cheltenham Office (1230 Nepean Hwy):** Normally open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, but closed on all public holidays (including Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Australia Day).

**Customer Care Phone Line (1300 653 356):** Available Monday to Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (excluding public holidays), with an emergency after-hours service active outside these times

**Waves Leisure Centre**

Located at 111 Chesterville Road, Highett.

**Christmas Day:** Closed.
**Public Holidays:** Open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, all other days are Mon–Fri 6:00 am – 9:00 pm, Sat–Sun 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

**Rubbish, Recycling & Hard Waste Collections:**

Household + business bin collections continue as normal on all public holidays, including Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Australia Day (though residents are advised to place bins out by 6:00 am).
**Hard Waste Services:** Hard waste collections pause over the Christmas and New Year period.

**Library, Hours**

**Christmas Eve:** Most council customer service centers and library branches close early (around 3:00 PM where applicable).

**CLOSED** Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day & Australia Day. Exterior Book Returns Chutes remain open 24 hours a day throughout the holiday break.

Registered members can continue using Extended Access hours at selected locations (such as Dingley Village and Patterson Lakes) outside of staffed hours

*Information in this article provided by City of Kingston*

# MARKET DAY

## LEXINGTON GARDENS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

## 114 Westall Road, Springvale

Held inside in our main dining area

- entry via Reception

## FRIDAY 4th December 2026

## 10 AM - 1 PM




Baked Goods

Lions Club Christmas Cakes

Soaps & Diffusers

Handmade cards

Knit wear

Jewellery

Gifts

Bags & Purses

Flowers/potted plants

Hand stitched/embroidered gifts

Wooden toys/items from the Village Men's Shed

... and lots more !



## FREE ENTRY & FREE PARKING

* Some Stalls are CASH ONLY

* Village Cafe open for morning tea and/or lunch

* Parking on site - Visitor car park on left of Westall Road entrance and Windsor Avenue (Souter St)

# LOOKING AT LOANS

## Rising Costs At Christmas

We all look forward to Christmas being a season of joy and giving. However, this year those with home loans will see increased loan repayments flowing through from the November rate rise. Not much of a Christmas present!

A typical Victorian loan will face increased repayments of about $110 per month. In and of itself that may sound ok; but this is the fifth rate rise this year.

Multiply that by 5 to $550 per month, and you can see the real problem for more recent home borrowers.

Old timers might talk of the 17.5% rates 'back in the day' (1989/1990). However back then, roughly 42% percentage of average monthly household income was required to make an average sized loan mortgage repayment.

That number is now 51% of income. Today's borrowers are doing it much harder! That financial pain is not limited to homeowners.

Renters are also rightfully fearful of increased interest costs for landlords flowing through to increased rents.

These are not numbers to ignore. Reviews of budgets and of lending are now more important than ever. Don't wait. Pretending everything is OK will not make the problems go away.

**Strategy suggestions include budget reviews and lending reviews.**

Check bank statements for forgotten entertainment subscriptions, streaming services and fitness memberships. Review each regular fee, they can add up fast.

Optimise grocery and food shopping. Plan weekly meals ahead. Check your pantry before shopping. Cook extra portions for leftovers to reheat. Make your own lunch. Cut back on takeaway coffees and meals.

Review your costs for power, gas, internet and insurance. Look for alternative providers then ring your supplier for a discount.

Review transport costs. Compare fuel and parking costs with public transport costs. Review your habits. If you have never worked out your own budget, now is the time to start. Google "How to do a budget – moneysmart.gov.au" for a free (government provided) budget planner with instructions.Review your loans. Ask a broker to review your loan interest rates and repayments.

In times like these, monthly repayment commitments can be more important than interest rates.

Home loans, personal loans and credit cards must all be considered. Ask for advice from a professional. A mortgage broker can provide credit guidance and assistance. Integrity Finance Australia has served the Dingley Village community since 2006; New clients may email loans@ifafinance.com.au or call **03 9511 8883.**

Remember the joy and happiness of Christmas is not directly proportional to dollars spent. It is all about family and friends. We take this opportunity to wish everyone good luck with their budgets, and please have a happy and safe festive season and New Year.

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**Daryl Borden, your Dingley Village Mortgage Broker, ACL 392184**
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- Skin cancer accounts for 80% of all newly diagnosed cancers in Australia, and more than 2,000 Australians lose their lives to skin cancer every year.
- Every six hours, an Australian dies from melanoma.
- Just 15 minutes of unprotected exposure when UV is 3 or above can start to damage your skin
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- Slip on sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible
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- Slap on a broad-brimmed hat that protects your face, head, neck and ears
- Seek shade
- Slide on sunglasses, ideally a wraparound style, that meet Australian standards.




**Get to know your skin**

Sun protection is important, but it's only part of the picture. It's equally important to know what's normal for your skin. Check regularly for any new spots or changes in the size, shape or colour of existing spots.

If something doesn't look right, see your GP or dermatologist promptly. Caught early, skin cancer is highly treatable.



**Cancer Council Sunscreen Hub**

The facts, advice, and research you can trust Sunscreen is an essential part of being safe in the sun (but it's only one part of your sun protection routine). However, the evidence is clear – sunscreen saves lives. It's one of 5 important ways to reduce the risk of skin cancer (Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide).

**Curious about sunscreen?**

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www.cancer.org.au/cancer-information/causes-and-prevention/sun-safety/sunscreen




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## Did You Remember to Remember?

November 11th used to be known as Armistice Day but now we know it as **'Remembrance Day.'**

The original meaning was that it commemorated the signing of the Armistice that stopped the guns and therefore signaled the end of the First World War, i.e. 1914-1918. Down the annuls of time (108 years to be exact) there have been many battles, wars and the like since the original Armistice Day.

The change to Remembrance Day has been adopted to Remember ALL those who stood up for democracy and the rule of law which governs our lives and provides the freedom which we enjoy, but sometimes, take for granted.

So, it is not hard to see how we may have forgotten those who strived so valiantly to preserve our much-valued freedom. Pausing to Reflect and Remember the many thousands of people all over the world who gave, often, their own lives, and are still giving so much that we might not have to do the same is the least we can do to honour their sacrifice.

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month each year we pause to Re-member.

This year at the cenotaph in Marcus Road, Dingley Village, over 60 locals of all ages from lit-tlies to those more mature, joined together to celebrate and give thanks to ALL who served and are serving our cherished ideals.

This year our very own Army Major (Retired) Paul Cameron arranged and led our observance at which Dingley Village Men's Shed (DVMS) members and partners represented the largest single group in attendance.

A feature of the Remembrance Day service is that a two minute (ANZAC Day is one minute) silence is observed.

This marks our recognition of not only those who gave their lives but also those who supported but lived through the horrors of all conflicts. Our DVMS did "Remember to Remember".

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## Dingley Park Dairy and Tillage

Stan and Graeme Frost operated the Dingley Park Dairy from 1964 to 2008. They had moved to Dingley after working in the Hampton Dairy operated by their father Fred from the early 1900's.

Milk was delivered by horse and cart with Graeme living in the brick house next door to Stan and Beryl and the dairy in Tootal Road. Like many families in the area the Frosts were involved in the trotting industry, their most famous trotter was Straight Flush (Ginger), another being Talangatta Terror. Graeme would dress up as Father Christmas and go around the street in the horse and (milk) cart at Christmas, which later changed to truck delivery. The milk deliveries started at 2am with the driver returning home at 11am.

Milk was also delivered to Corrigan's supermarket, milk bars, factories and sandwich shops in Braeside. The only days milk was not delivered were Christmas day and Good Friday.

The Tillage sculpture is a 5.5m high, 18m long painted steel sculpture on the roundabout near Christ Church representing the process of preparing the soil for agriculture. The sculpture shows a series of mounded furrows arcing above the ground in shapes to evoke working metal tools, wheels, discs and farm machinery. The ground below is a matching series of planting to suggest furrows, reaching from one side of the roundabout to the other.



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# EYES RIGHT

## Keeping Little Eyes Safe This Holiday Season

The holiday season is an exciting time for children, with new toys to explore, plenty of outdoor adventures and, often, a little extra screen time during the school holidays. Amid all the festivities, it's worth taking a moment to think about protecting little eyes as they grow and develop.

**Make outdoor eye protection a habit**

Summer is the perfect time for outdoor adventures, but children's eyes need protection from ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Encourage children to wear sunglasses that have 100% UV protection, along with a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors. UV exposure can still occur on cloudy days, so sun protection should be part of the everyday routine, not just reserved for particularly sunny days.

Spending time outdoors is also beneficial for children's eye development. Research suggests that regular outdoor time can help reduce the risk of developing short-sightedness (myopia). Aim for around two hours of outdoor time each day where possible.

**Find a healthy balance with screens**

With more time at home during the holidays, screen time can easily creep up. Extended periods of close-up activities, including using tablets and phones, are associated with an increased risk of developing short-sightedness. Encourage regular breaks, plenty of outdoor play and, where possible, choose larger screens viewed from further away rather than prolonged use of handheld devices.

**A few things to consider when choosing toys**

When buying gifts for little ones, there are a few less obvious eye-safety considerations worth keeping in mind. Laser pointers and laser toys should be avoided, as looking directly into a laser beam can cause permanent retinal damage, sometimes without immediate symptoms.

Toys that shoot projectiles, such as foam darts or bows and arrows, can also pose a risk of eye injury. It's worth checking age recommendations and safety labelling when choosing toys, particularly those with bright lights or flashing components.

**Don't forget regular eye checks**

Children don't always realise or communicate when they have trouble seeing. Some can adapt remarkably well to blurred vision, meaning an underlying vision problem may go unnoticed. Regular eye examinations help identify issues early, including focusing difficulties, eye coordination problems and short-sightedness. Children can have their eyes tested at any age, even before they start school.

Healthy eyes are an important part of growing, learning and exploring the world. A few simple steps can help protect them along the way.

From all of us at Insight Eye Care, we wish your family a wonderful holiday season and a safe, happy summer!

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# Season's Greetings & Home Tips

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Here are a few quick tips to keep your your home safe and market-ready.



## KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

01

### LIGHTS ON TIMERS

Use smart plugs on indoor lamps so your home looks lived-in while away.

02

### CLEAR DELIVERIES

Pause regular mail and ask a neighbour to clear parcels from your porch.

03

### GIFTS OUT OF SIGHT

Keep presents away from windows and flatten empty gift boxes for recycling.

## PREPPING YOUR HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR

### PACK & DECLUTTER

- Box up clutter with decorations
- Clear kitchen benches
- Open up floor space

### SUMMER STREET APPEAL

- Pressure-wash the driveway
- Top up garden mulch
- Clean windows for natural light

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Save Kingswood

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A massive file of wildlife has been sent to the Department of Planning, asking those questions. We continue to meet with council as well.

*https://www.aaa1.biz/Kingswood_Floods/Save_Kingswood_SpeciesV6.pdf*

It's not over. Campaigns include reversing all the shocking decisions, or in the least keeping the developers honest and doing everything needed to cause the least damage to Dingley Village. Also supply of missing services.

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Kevin Poulter, President, Save Kingswood Group inc.





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## How to say 'no' to your child – and stick to it.

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**"No" may be one of the hardest words for parents to say to a young child.**

- No, we're not buying that.
- No, you can't have my phone.

Many parents dread the tears, arguments or tantrums that can follow when a toddler or preschooler is denied something they want. But what if a being upset is not a sign something has gone wrong?

### It's good to hear no

Big feelings are part of life and part of growing up. Developmental psychology and neuroscience research suggests saying "no" to children helps them experience reasonable limits and boundaries. Experiencing a "no" is an important part of how children learn to regulate emotions, cope with frustration and build resilience. Children begin learning how to manage their emotions from infancy. The emotional regulation skills they develop during the toddler years and beyond can have a lasting influence on how they cope with challenges, build relationships and succeed at school.

### What is emotional regulation?

Emotional regulation is not the ability to avoid difficult feelings. It is the ability to experience emotions, understand them, and gradually learn how to manage them. Children develop these skills through repeated experiences of disappointment, frustration, excitement and waiting, with the support of trusted adults. So the challenge for parents is not to avoid no, it's to help children learn how to navigate it.

### Why children need boundaries

Research shows certain parenting approaches can help children develop the ability to manage their attention, behaviour and emotions. This involves experiencing reasonable limits – or the word, "no".

For example, "no, you can't eat the whole container of crackers". Or "no, you can't climb on the car". Rather than protecting children from every difficult feeling, parents guide children through frustration and help them learn setbacks, disappointment and delayed gratification are manageable parts of life.



Some parenting styles (such as permissive parenting) combine warmth and responsiveness with a lack of clear boundaries.

Children are given significant freedom, with few expectations or limits placed on their behaviour. While this style is well-intentioned, studies suggest it may be associated with higher levels of behavioural problems and anxiety in children.

### How to say no in the moment

When saying "no" to a toddler or preschooler be clear and confident. Avoid turning it into a negotiation. Instead of saying "maybe later" or "not right now," try "no, we are not buying chocolate today". Be empathetic and acknowledge your child's feelings. Try saying, "I can see you are angry/sad/disappointed because you really wanted the chocolate." And follow through, "My answer is still no".

If a parent repeatedly says no and then gives in after persistent protesting, children receive a clear message: if they keep asking, the answer may change. So, how can you help build your child's skills around "no"?

### Talk about feelings you see in books and movies

This helps give your child the vocabulary to talk about their feelings. For example, Peppa Pig looks really upset. Why do you think she is crying?

### Model regulating your own emotions

When you get angry about something show your child how you are taking deep breaths to calm down. Research shows children learn emotion regulation not only through what adults tell them, but also by watching how adults manage their own emotions.

### Co-regulate with your child

This is a parenting strategy where you use warm and responsive interactions to help a child manage their emotions. For example, if your child is having a tantrum, stay calm and don't react straight away. Take a minute to breathe if you are about to lose your cool.



You could say "I see you are really disappointed we have to leave the playground." Sit near your child and offer comfort if they welcome it. Maintain the boundary by saying, "I know you wanted to stay longer but it is time to go home." A child who hears, "I can see you're upset, and I'm here with you," while the boundary remains in place learns two powerful lessons: their feelings are accepted, and they are capable of coping with them.

### Act it out

When things are calm, you can role play different emotional reactions to a "no". Research shows engagement in pretend play can improve children's ability to control impulses and manage emotions. For example, parents can use pretend play with teddies, dolls or toy figures to rehearse everyday situations where a child might hear "no".

A parent might role-play a trip to the park and have the adult character say, "It's time to go home now. We can't stay any longer." The child can then act out how the character feels and responds. These playful conversations provide opportunities to explore emotions such as frustration, disappointment or anger, while helping children develop the language and strategies needed to manage them.



### Praise the behaviour you want

If leaving the playground often ends in tears or protests, avoid treating the emotional reaction as bad behaviour that needs punishment. Instead, support your child through their disappointment and recognise moments when they cope successfully. For example, "Well done, I can see how you hopped off the swing really quickly today." This works because children are more likely to repeat behaviours that receive positive attention and encouragement.

### Check your expectations

It is unreasonable to expect children will always accept a "no" without becoming upset. Their brains are still developing the systems responsible for impulse control and emotional regulation For example, it is unreasonable to suddenly tell a three year old "no, you can't watch another episode of Bluey – it's time for a bath" without some warning. Even an adult would struggle to respond calmly when something you are enjoying suddenly ends. Instead, try giving a five minute warning.

### The bigger picture

When parents say "no" to hold a reasonable boundary while acknowledging a child's feelings, they send an important message. Over time, children learn they can experience disappointment, feel upset, recover and move on.

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Along the shady Cypress Drive, the air is still and cool.
Angus cattle graze in grassy paddocks they rule.
The playground rings with laughter, and children's happy cries.
Brightly coloured lorikeets go flashing through the skies.

The noon heat is shimmering, and the Park grows hushed and still.
The shifting leaves cast patterns, as sunlight filters through.
A Jacky Jacky basks upon the dusty Phar Lap track.

Little Ravens call above, their droll and cheeky cark!
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## Protect your garden from the heat this summer

Protecting your garden during extreme heat and heatwaves in Australia requires managing soil moisture, shielding vulnerable plants, and avoiding high-stress tasks. December is not too late to prepare your garden for heatwaves or extreme heat.

### Signs of heat stress include

Look for wilting or curling leaves, especially on the edges, which is a common indicator of heat stress. Changes in leaf colour, such as browning or yellowing, may signal that the plants are struggling with excessive heat. Blossom and fruit drop when temperatures climb too high. If your plants are not reaching their expected height or appear smaller than usual, it could be a response to heat stress.

### Preparation



Mulching: Add a 50–75mm layer of organic mulch like lucerne hay, pea straw, or pine bark around plants to cool the soil and stop moisture from evaporating. Keep mulch a few centimetres away from main stems to prevent rot. Mulching also helps suppress weeds.

### Shade Structures

Install shade cloth or create natural shading with taller plants to protect vulnerable plants from direct sunlight during peak hours.

### Incorporating perennials

Consider incorporating perennials into your summer garden for a resilient and thriving landscape. Unlike annuals, perennials boast more established root systems, offering increased resilience during the heat. These well-rooted plants can better withstand water stress, making them ideal for maintaining garden vibrancy through the hottest months.



### Cut your grass longer and avoid pruning plants

Increase your turf height by adjusting your mower to help protect the lower parts of the grass from the sun. You should avoid hard-pruning your plants in the lead-up to a heatwave as pruning and removing branches can create additional stress to plants.



### Heatwave action



**Proper Watering:** Water deeply and consistently, preferably in the early morning or late evening, to minimise water loss and support plant hydration. Soak the soil low and slow near the base of the plant and avoid wetting the leaves in the middle of the day to prevent leaf scorch.

If it's really hot and you know your plants need water during the day, then water. Try to keep it down at ground level and avoid wetting the leaves to prevent leaf scorch.

Cluster potted plants: Move potted plants into dense shade or group them tightly together on the eastern side of a wall so they shade each other and retain humidity. Fill pot saucers with water.

### Install temporary shade structures

Set up shade cloth or even an umbrella over heat-sensitive crops like tomatoes, peppers, and leafy greens. Anchor shade cloth on frames or stakes so air can still flow freely underneath.

### Soil Moisture Management

Use soil moisture meters to monitor moisture levels and avoid overwatering or underwatering.

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This past month we were able to donate toys and blankets to a local charity group we support as well as cash donations to the State and National charities we support.

This is only possible through the generous support of our community along with the time and efforts of our members and friends

If you are interested in learning more about the CWA you can follow us on our Dingley CWA Facebook page, pop into one of our 4th Wednesday of each month meetings or contact Cathy on **0425 877 469.**




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### Probus Club Dingley Central

In October our members enjoyed a BBQ at Braeside Park as part of the 50 years of Probus Celebrations. For our day trip in November we will travel to Sorrento, and then sail by ferry to Queenscliff for lunch.

At our November meeting our guest speaker was Adam Palmer, Adam is a qualified Clinical Hypnotherapist, and has a private practice in Dingley. Adam presented an insight into how hypnosis can assist clients to overcome smoking, vaping, anxiety fears and sleeping problems to name a few.

He did stress you have to want to be hypnotised to have successful results. Adam also hosts The Hypno Hysteria Stage Show, with volunteers taking centre stage and involving audience participation.

**Activities planned for December**

Happy Hour, Wine Tasting, Film Day, Camera Club, Legs and Morning Coffee, Christmas Lunch, Ladies Lunch and Craft Group.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month,at The Salvation Army Kingston Centre,13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village. New members are most welcome. For further information please contact Ruth on **0419 899 558.**

Website. dingleycentralprobus.wix.com/dingleycentralprobus

### Keysborough Bowls Club

356 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough

**Wednesdays:** weekly from April 22nd 10 am start

**Saturdays:** weekly 11am start - BYO lunch

Two games x 10 ends both days

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New members most welcome with coaching available. If you have any questions or are interested in giving it a go. Call on **97982097** or **0421123495.** We would love to see you.

### Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Our friendly group of singles and couples have a group dinner at various locations on the last Saturday of the month, and these have been quite popular with members and visitors alike.

If you would like details of the venues or wish to attend any of these gatherings, please call Shirley on the number below at least a week before the final Saturday of the month.

Please come and join us – new members are welcome!

We wish our members and the Dossier readers all the best for the Festive Season and the coming New Year.

Please come and join us – new members are welcome! For more information contact Shirley on **0411 265 261** or Graeme on **0407 903 515.**

### Dingley Village Historical Society

DVHS aims to document and collate information regarding our local history. The society holds information on early families of Dingley Village and the surrounding areas as well as the market gardens, farms, clubs and societies in the area. We welcome any information or photographs of Dingley Village through time that we can copy.

Located at 31A Marcus Rd, (near the library) we are open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10am – 12pm. We are also open on the third Saturday of the month during the Farmers Market and other times on request.

Contact by email: enquiries@dvhs.com.au

### Dingley Village Men's Shed



Opening Hours and General Activities:

| Day of Week | Open Hours | General Activities |
|---|---|---|
| MON | 9am - 1pm | Metal Work, Wood Work, Art, Bicycle & Car Maintenance |
| TUE | 9am - 12pm<br>1:30pm - 3:30pm | A' Team workgroup & Bike Riding Group Photography |
| WED | 9am - 12pm | Bike Riding Group & Music Group |
| THU | 9am - 12pm<br>1pm – 3pm | A' Team workgroup<br>Pool / Snooker |
| FRI | 9am - 1pm | **Members Muster**<br>This is our main day! |

Every Friday Morning (except holidays as designated). come along, enjoy a cuppa, a chat & meet with your fellow shedders.

We also hold a great Raffle (fundraiser) for members & visitors, and also a Golf Putting Comp. Other Activities from time to time include Golf Days, Special Event Days e.g., Cup Day & Australia Day BBQ's. plus, the occasional outing to places of interest.

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

Ph. **9551 5892,** E-mail: info@dvms.org.au
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**Lions Club of Dingley Village**

If anybody has any of the following items, they can be left at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Pre-loved spectacles, sunglasses and hearing aids and used stamps are still needed. Thank you to all who have donated, please keep them coming in.

Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday at 7.00pm at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village (Public Holidays excluded). These meetings are informal and friendly.

For any enquiries, please contact
Lynne – **9551 3770 /0488 004 809.**
dingleylions@gmail.com

**Rotary Club Noble Park – Dingley**

Active Rotarians – making friends and making a difference.

The Rotary Club of Noble Park-Dingley has an active social and project program. Our members love being part of our club and enjoy participating in our activities. Once you get to know us you might like to join us in being part of a network of 1.2 million Rotary volunteers worldwide.

We meet at 6.30pm on the first three Thursdays of each month at the 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 9 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 Road 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.**

**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.

**Keysborough & District Multicultural Senior Citizens Inc.**

This over 55s club is located at the Rowley Allan Reserve 352 Cheltenham Road Keysborough. Get ready for the 2027 programme which commence on the 19th Jan 2027 and the entertainer to get the new year underway will be Rob Foeranda.

**Tuesdays –** Bingo on the 1st, 2nd and 4th of the month 1pm to 3pm. $3.00 entry and $1.50 per book. All proceeds from book sales are added to prize money.

**Concerts -** Are scheduled for the third and the fifth Tuesday of the month. We will have Col Perkins Tuesday 16th of Feb 27 and Lone Star Tuesday 16th March 27.

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

**Thursdays –** Ballroom dancing from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Entry $3.00.

Tea and coffee are supplied for all activities.

Club membership is $10.00 per annum.

Contact is Julie on **0428 561 694.**

We wish our members and Dossier readers all the best for the Festive Season and the coming New Year.

**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 nine 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)

**Mordialloc/Chelsea Evening VIEW Club**

**JOIN US!**
**Make connections and make a difference.**

Be a part of a leading national women's volunteer organisation supporting the education of Australian students experiencing disadvantage.

Enrich your life and connect with like-minded women in your community. As a VIEW member, you will make new friends, attend social activities, learn new skills and fundraise to support The Smith Family.

Mordialloc Chelsea Evening VIEW Club sponsor thirteen children. We are a friendly group that meets on the first Tuesday of every month at The Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc at 6.30pm which includes dinner and we hear from guest speakers.

All funds raised go towards helping Australian children in need through The Smith Family, so they can get the most out of their education.

New members and visitors are always welcome! If you would like to join us, search Mordialloc Chelsea Evening VIEW Club on our website–view.org.au Or search Mordialloc/Chelsea EVENING VIEW club on Facebook. You can also phone:

Maria - **0419 507 384**
Lucinda - **0431 426 170**

**Burden Park Bowls Club**



The good news is that if you have been thinking of joining a lawn bowls club, this is your time to act. So come down and have a go, you will love it.

If you're interested in having a bowl, please call **9546 8851,** or check out club website for more information

www.burdenpark.bowls.com.au.

We are located on the corner of Springvale Rd and Heatherton Rd Springvale. We hope to see you soon.



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**Christmas Eve Service on Thursday 24 December at 6pm.**

**CHRISTMAS AT INSPIRE CITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 13 December | From 4pm**

This Christmas, Inspire City Church invites the whole community to join us for a special Christmas celebration, featuring Fox's Chocolates, an original theatrical production set in 1965. Brought to life by the talented cast and creative team of Inspire City Church, this entertaining story combines comedy, unpredictable time warps and plenty of surprises, taking us on a journey back to the true meaning of Christmas.

**4PM | OUTDOOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

The festivities begin with a free petting zoo and jumping castle for the kids, with a sausage sizzle, coffee and drinks available to purchase.

**6PM | FOX'S CHOCOLATES, CAROLS & WORSHIP**

The evening's program will feature Fox's Chocolates, alongside Christmas carols and songs of celebration, as we come together to honour the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you're part of Inspire City Church or visiting for the first time, we invite you to join us for an afternoon and evening of entertainment, fellowship and celebration.

**Please note:** There will be no morning service on Sunday 13 December. Our Christmas celebration will take its place.

We will also have a Christmas Eve service on Thursday 24 December at 6pm. From all of us at Inspire City Church, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

**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 Kaye on **0438 873 784** www.heathertondingley.ucavictas.org.au

**Special Event**

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – Sunday, 13th December, 2026, at 7.30 pm followed by Supper

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** – 10 AM

**What's On**

**Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month**

Kingston Music Club– 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall Community singing and music group. Instrumentalists and singers welcome. For further information contact Bob Lorraine on **0418 998 712.**

**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.**

**Village Church Inc.**

**Address:** 7-9 Fiveways Blvd Keysborough 3173
**Pastor:** Rodney Hole
**Elders:** Andrew Weston & Warren Dean
**Church Office: 8712 8254**
or admin@villagechurch.org.au
**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'.

**Christmas Day Worship Service,** Friday 25th December at 9.00a.m. Please come and join us at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via livestream through https://www.villagechurch.org.au

**Sunday Morning 10 am Worship Service**
In person or can watch livestream at https://www.villagechurch.org.au/live-stream

**The church service includes:**

- Bible teaching through expository preaching.
- Pastor Rodney Hole is currently preaching through the Gospel of Luke
- Communion is held twice 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.

**Bible Study**
Our men and women meet regularly for more in-depth Bible studies. The women use an inductive style of Bible study with Precept Ministries.

**Sisters in Christ**
Meets once a month on a Saturday for afternoon tea and women's Bible study & fellowship.

**Men of Faith**
Meets once a month at Village Church on a Sunday evening for a BBQ and men's Bible study & fellowship.

**Village Church Youth Group (Years 7 –12)**
Meets weekly on most 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

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Friday 18th Dec –** Christmas Tree Festival, 6pm

**Saturday 19th Dec** – Dingley Village Farmer's Market, 2pm

**Sunday 20th Dec –** Carols by Candlelight in the Heritage Church, 7:30pm

**Thurs 24th Dec –** Family Nativity Service, 5pm

**Thurs 24th Dec –** Carols, 11pm

**Friday 25th Dec –** Holy Communion Service, 8:30am.

**WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICES**

8.30 AM - (Heritage Church)
Holy Communion Service

10.30 AM (Peace Worship Hall)
Worship Service with Kids' Church.

Bahasa Malaysia Service
2.00PM (Heritage Church).

**Next Combined Service**

Sun 27th December 2026, 10am.
Sun 31st January 2027, 10am.

**MONTHLY SERVICES**

**1.30 PM Holy Communion Service**

Traditional service with Holy Communion and favourite hymns in the Heritage Church followed by a social afternoon tea.

Please contact our office for transport if needed.

**Next Service:** 1.30pm, Tuesday 9th February 2027.

**6pm AZUSA Worship Service (Auditorium)**

Last Sunday of the Month.
**Next Service:** 6pm, Sunday 28th February 2027.

**Life Groups for Bible Study**

For more information, please contact our office.

**Weekly Prayer Meetings**
Wednesday 10:30am for worship then 11am for prayers in the Prayer Rooms. Saturday 8 AM in the Atrium. Healing, Deliverance & Prayer Ministry available upon request.

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**Parish Office:** 03 9551 7871
**Email:** admin@ccd.org.au
**Website:** www.ccd.org.au

**St. Mark's Catholic Church**

511 Lower Dandenong Road,
Dingley Village, 3172.
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Email: Springvale@cam.org.au
Website for further information:

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**Assistant Priest:** Fr Huy Nguyen

**Mass Times**
- Saturdays, 5:00pm
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**The Salvation Army Kingston City 'You Belong'**

13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village.
Office Phone: **(03) 9558 2045.**

Facebook.com/KingstonCitySalvos
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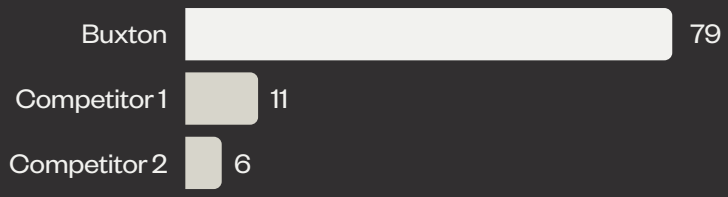
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