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SUMMER SAFETY

Extreme heat days are becoming more frequent and intense.

To protect you and your loved ones, it's important to prepare early. Heat kills more Australians than any natural disaster!

Days of extreme heat and heatwaves are periods of unusually hot weather that can cause significant health problems. Extreme heat can affect anybody.

Heat-related health problems include dehydration, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and life-threatening heat stroke. Extreme heat can trigger heart attack, stroke, kidney impairment, and worsen respiratory illnesses, especially in the presence of pollution/smoke.

Certain individuals are particularly at risk, including: people over the age of 65, babies and young children, pregnant women, people with acute or chronic health problems and people who are socially isolated. Recognising early symptoms of heat-related health problems and taking action is crucial.

If needed call Nurse-On-Call on **1300 60 60 24** or contact Victorian Virtual Emergency Department at <https://www.vved.org.au/> or in an emergency call **000**.

Stay safe in the heat with these four simple tips:



Stay cool at home.

- Use air conditioning or a fan
- Wear light and loose clothing
- Keep skin wet, using a spray bottle or damp sponge and by taking cool showers
- Block heat entering your home with blinds and curtains if air temperature is warmer indoors than outdoors
- If you need to go out, consider spending some time in cool places or air-conditioned buildings.

Avoid becoming dehydrated on hot days

- Keep drinking fluids before you feel thirsty, especially if outdoors and performing physical activity.
- Take a full bottle of water with you whenever you leave the house.
- Watch for signs of dehydration like feeling thirsty, lightheaded, having a dry mouth, tiredness, having dark coloured, strong-smelling urine or passing less urine than usual.

Check in with family, friends and neighbours

A quick call can make a big difference. Let people know you are OK or check in on those at increased risk or who may need your support during days of extreme heat. People most at risk include:

- Those over the age of 65
- Pregnant women, young children and babies
- People with acute or chronic health problems
- People who are socially isolated.

Plan ahead

When planning outdoor activities:



- Cancel or reschedule activities for a cooler time of the day.
- Check the weather forecast regularly Monitor Bureau of Meteorology Heatwave warnings at www.bom.gov.au or via the Bureau's app and subscribe to receive the Department of Health Heat health warnings at www.health.vic.gov.au/subscribe.

Water activities, here's how to stay safe:

- Swim between the red and yellow flags at a beach patrolled by lifesavers
- Read the safety signs – and ask a lifeguard for safety advice.
- Don't jump off piers and jetties, you never know what's beneath the water.
- Know the conditions, know your limits and don't swim alone.
- Always watch your children when around water.
- Know that the wind can quickly move devices such as blow-up shapes and paddleboards out to sea.
- Avoid drinking alcohol when around water.



The Summer Safety Campaign is an annual initiative by the City of Kingston to ensure residents and visitors have access to important safety information, including staying safe around water and how to stay cool when the weather gets hot.



SUMMER IS HERE, AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS STAYING SAFE (AND COOL!)

For information and tips, visit kingston.vic.gov.au/summer-safety



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

Justice of the Peace

Marion Harriden 9551 1799

Document Signing Station
Springvale Library
1300 630 920

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

Parent lead group for children under the
age of 16 with Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia and
Dyscalculia. 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

Creative Art

Is a small group for adults that love being
artistic and creative. Bring in your art/
writing projects and materials, to start or
finish. Tuesday nights in the craft room.
6:30pm – 8:30pm, Free.

Music with Mummies

An interactive and personable
experience for both you & your
child. Ages: 6 months -3 yrs, Wednesdays
in the Library Meeting Room 2. All enquires
contact Emma: Ph: **0412 796 424** or email:
musicwithmummies@gmail.com



Teens Games Group

Fun environment for teenagers from 13 – 17
to enjoy games together. Strategy, fantasy &
sci-fi style board & role-playing. Friday 5.30
– 7.30 pm in DVNC meeting room 4.5 & 6.
Free event.

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 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

Catering to all skill levels both
men & women. Come along
and join this friendly group. Mon, gam &
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

Mon & Thurs 5 -7pm 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 from 9am -11am.
Wednesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm
Contact James: **0430 570 460**.

Agna Yoga with Sneha

Yoga & Meditation class in the Harold Box
Hall, weekly on Fridays from 6pm-7pm. All
enquires to agnayogawellness@outlook.com
or Ph: **0421 876 858**

Sound Healing with Danielle

Bio tuning session weekly on Tuesdays
from 7pm-7.45pm in the Harold Box Hall. All
enquires contact Danielle at Biofieldbayside@
outlook.com or Ph: **0478 736 675**.

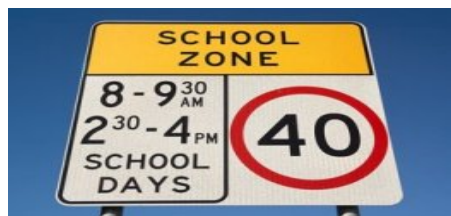


COMMUNITY

Back to School

Remember children are back at school in February, so be careful around our local schools.

- watch out for pedestrians and be aware that young children can be unpredictable and difficult to see.
- give cyclists plenty of space.
- slow down in school speed zones during school times.
- be extra cautious around schools.
- Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.



No batteries and aerosols in kerbside bins.

Batteries, especially lithium-ion batteries found in many modern electronics, retain residual charge even when "dead". When crushed, punctured, or damaged in garbage collection trucks or waste facilities, they can short-circuit, overheat, spark, and ignite fires.

These fires endanger waste management staff, firefighters, and the community, cause extensive property damage, and can be difficult to extinguish. Please do not put batteries and aerosols in kerbside bins.



Dingley Super Rules

Dingley Super Rules are looking for players and volunteers for the over 35s & Over 50s 2026 competition. Players are eligible if they turn 35 or older in 2026 or turn 50 or older in 2026.

Please contact Shannon Hughes 0401 656 061 or email dingleysupers.committee@gmail.com if you would like to join or for further information.

Mordi Fest

A sensational festival of live music, food and family fun as Mordialloc's foreshore is bought to life at Peter Scullin Reserve, Mordialloc:

Saturday February 28 (11am - 10pm) & Sunday 1 March (11am - 7pm). Entry is just \$5, or \$10 for families. No bookings required.

Special Dates in February

1st – 28th February: FEBFAST

Ready to feel your best and make a real difference? Sign up for Febfast, take on the challenge of going booze-free for 28 days, and raise funds for Lifeline. It's a simple step with a huge impact — more energy, better sleep, and lives changed. www.febfast.org.au

3rd February: Shab e Barat (Night of Forgiveness)* Islam

Shab-e-Barat is a significant night for many Muslims, it is a night of prayers, repentance and seeking forgiveness from Allah. "Allah forgives the sins of those who sincerely repent". The night falls on the 15th of Sha'ban, just before the holy month of Ramadan. It's a period of spiritual cleansing and renewal. Shab-e-Barat has different names in various regions and date may vary due to local sighting of the moon.

8th February: Victoria Pride Street Party

LGBTQIA+ art, live music, performances, community and culture, with stalls showcasing local treasures. Open to all - families, friends, and allies - there's something for everyone, from morning to night. Gertrude St / Smith St, Fitzroy

13th February: Anniversary of the Apology to Stolen Generations

Marks the Australian Government's apology to First Nations people affected by past policies.

15th February: Parinirvana Day

Parinirvana Day, also known as Nirvana Day is an annual Buddhist festival that remembers the death of the Buddha when he reached Nirvana at the age of 80.

17th February: Chinese New Year

Also known as Lunar New Year or the Spring Festival, the Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China and for Chinese people around the world, with 2026 being the Year of the Horse.



17th February – 18th March: Ramadan * (**) Islam

Ramadan commemorates the revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammad. It is the holiest month for Muslims, who dedicate themselves to prayer, reading of the Qur'an, fasting during daylight hours, and charity to the poor. Date may vary as depends on the sighting of the new moon.

18th February – 2nd April: Lent, Christianity

Lent is the period of 40 days (not including Sundays) which comes before Easter, traditionally a time of fasting and reflection. The 40 days represents the time Jesus spent in the desert overcoming temptation by Satan. In Western Christianity, it begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Maundy Thursday

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

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

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Dingley Village Police Update

CRIME STOPPERS (1800 333 000)
To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.



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Neighbourhood Watch 4 Kids

Neighbourhood Watch 4 Kids program is about providing children with practical skills and knowledge to feel and be safer - advice they can take back to their families and on through their lives.

- * **Exploring safety at school:** Teaching children how their school can be a welcoming & safe environment for all.
- * **Travelling Safely:** Help your child learn to travel solo safely in your neighbourhood.
- * **Junior Neighbourhood Watch:** Teaching primary students about police and some key ways to stay safe.
- * **Kids' safety learning zone:** Check out awesome online resources about keeping kids safe.

For more information and access to resources



<https://nhw.com.au/program/neighbourhood-watch-4-kids/>

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

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31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village

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DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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 focuses on enhancing the village's character, environment, and resident safety. Membership is free and open to any Dingley Village resident.

Happy New Year to all Dingley Villagers from the DVCA!

Thank you to all of the residents who packed the Harold Box Hall for our November Information Night, we intend to continually grow this annual event and keep Dingley Village issues on the agenda of council and our other representatives.

Our priorities for 2026 will be included in next months Dingley Dossier

Support Our Dingley Village Shops

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

Snap/Send/Solve

This App continues to be a positive method to improve our Village. Residents are reminded that they can use this App to send a photograph of a local problem to the appropriate authorities. This could be in relation to uneven footpaths, traffic hindrances, damaged infrastructure and so on.

Bottle Refunds – Reminder

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.

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 this.

DVCA Contact Info:

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

DVCA Meeting Info:

Meetings are held in the Library Meeting Rooms, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7.30pm.

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Located at 31b Marcus Rd. New members are most welcome to attend. DVCA seeks new enthusiastic members to join and help keep our village a great place to live and work in.

The DVCA is a voluntary group of Dingley Village residents, not affiliated to any political party and membership is open to all residents who genuinely care about our village.

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

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FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY | 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.

OUR COUNCIL

Welcome to Kingston, Hawthorn

The City of Kingston has officially welcomed the Hawthorn Football Club to its new home in Dingley Village, celebrating the opening of the world-class Kennedy Community Centre. The new facility represents a strong partnership between Kingston Council and the Hawks, developed through a 30-year plus agreement that will deliver lasting benefits for both elite and community sport.

As part of the partnership, the project includes a new community oval and pavilion that will provide local players, families and clubs with access to an elite-level facility, which will be prioritised as a show case venue for women's sport, including the Hawthorn AFLW team. Mayor Cr Georgina Oxley said the Kennedy Community Centre represents the best of what can be achieved through collaboration.

"We're so proud to welcome the Hawthorn Football Club — the family club — to the Kingston family," Cr Oxley said. "This partnership ensures our community can share in a space where elite athletes train and play. It's about connection and opportunity — giving local players, especially women and girls, access to first-class facilities and pathways to take their game to the next level. "Sport plays such an important role in our community. It keeps us active, builds friendships and brings people together. This project will inspire the next generation of footballers while strengthening our community for years to come."



The Kennedy Community Centre will be home to the Hawthorn Football Club's AFL, AFLW and community programs, transforming a former landfill site into a vibrant new sporting and community hub. "We're incredibly proud to have supported the community facilities and to see it come to life here in Kingston," Cr Oxley said. "We look forward to seeing this partnership grow — and to the many ways the Hawks will contribute to our community both on and off the field."

Hawthorn President Andy Gowers said this is an historic and proud day for our football club as we officially open our new home, the Kennedy Community Centre. "The Kennedy Community Centre will transform our football club into the future, providing our players and staff with a world-class high-performance environment, best positioning Hawthorn in our never-ending pursuit of sustained premiership success."

Cr Georgina Oxley re-elected as Mayor of Kingston

Cr Georgina Oxley has been re-elected as Mayor of the City of Kingston for 2025–26, marking her fourth term leading the city. Cr Oxley said she was honoured to again have the opportunity to serve the Kingston community and thanked her fellow councillors for their support. "It's a real privilege to once again serve as Mayor of Kingston," Cr Oxley said.

"Over the past year, we've worked hard as a team to lay the foundations for Kingston's future — adopting a new Council and Wellbeing Plan, putting cost-of-living support at the heart of our budget, and delivering a huge range of projects that make a real difference in people's lives," Cr Oxley said the past year had also been a time of collaboration and renewal following significant change to the make-up of Council at last year's election.

"It's been a year of learning, teamwork and listening," she said. "I'm proud of how this Council has come together with a shared focus on serving our community and shaping a positive future for Kingston." She said she was looking forward to continuing Kingston's strong advocacy on key local issues.

"We'll keep standing up for our community on major issues like the State's new planning reforms, the Suburban Rail Loop, level crossing projects and significant development proposals such as Kingswood and Rosedale," Cr Oxley said. "Our community deserves a voice in how their neighbourhoods grow and change, and I'll continue to ensure that Kingston's voice is heard loud and clear."

Cr Oxley said the best parts of being mayor was engaging with the community. "I've had the privilege of attending hundreds of community events over the past year — from festivals and awards nights to school and sporting celebrations," she said. "Every event reminds me how lucky we are to live in such a vibrant, caring and connected city. I'm incredibly proud to represent such a wonderful community."



Yammerbook Ward Councillor Sarah O'Donnell was elected Deputy Mayor. For more information on all our councillors visit kingston.vic.gov.au/councillors.

Victorian Government extends Municipal Monitors at Kingston Council has been advised by the Victorian Government that it has extended the Municipal Monitors for a further six months. Mr John Tanner AM and Mr John Watson will continue in the role until 30 June 2026.

It is understood the Monitors have lodged an interim report with the Victorian Minister for Local Government and will take further time working with Council before lodging a final report in mid-2026. Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley and CEO Peter Bean said Kingston had not been provided with the interim report or other information on any concerns that would warrant an extension. "It's unclear what the justification was for extending the Monitors, and Councillors are perplexed by the announcement. Nonetheless we will continue to provide the state-appointed Monitors with transparency on our strong processes, governance and decision-making," Cr Oxley said.

"Your Councillors have been elected to represent our community, be a strong voice for advocacy and to act with independence and integrity. We will continue to lead our community with integrity, and without fear or favour, to deliver the vision for Kingston our community voted for. We look forward to continuing to serve the Kingston community with pride."

CEO Peter Bean said the Council had recorded a very solid first term approving its four-year Council & Wellbeing Plan, delivering the Annual Budget, completing mandatory training, meeting with the community and dozens of other projects and initiatives. "Council is committed to continuing to deliver excellent services to our community, built on a foundation of good governance and strong customer service," Mr Bean said.

"Our community can be assured that the solid work of delivering over 100 services to our community continues around the clock." "This includes our biggest ever capital project — the new Mordi Aquatic Centre — progressing on-time and on-budget, our community rated us highly in the annual satisfaction survey, and we continue to deliver vital community services that many local governments no longer provide including aged care, delivered meals and childcare."

Information in this article provided by City of Kingston

LOOKING AT LOANS



The Path to Dreams: How Borrowing Can Build Futures

Have you set goals for yourself for 2026?

Hopes and dreams are the blueprints of a better life - the desire for a home, a quality education, or starting a business. The aspiration is personal; it can be achievable; the challenge often lies in finding the financial means to turn this into reality. Lending makes it happen.

Some individuals believe borrowing is just about immediate consumption. They will hopefully learn in time that borrowing is best used as a tool to strategically bridge the gap between where we are and where we want to be.

The fundamental promise of credit is access to beneficial opportunity; but it is only ultimately beneficial if the debt is wisely utilized. This introduces the critical distinction between "good debt" and "bad debt."

"Good debt" is typically used to finance an asset or investment that has the potential to appreciate in value, generate future income, or improve your long-term financial standing.

Conversely, "bad debt" is generally incurred to purchase depreciating assets or fund current consumption. This type of borrowing provides fleeting satisfaction but offers no long-term financial return, often creating a cycle of high-interest repayments that hinder wealth accumulation.

Smart borrowing, with careful planning and responsible management, acts as a powerful catalyst. It allows individuals to acquire significant, life-altering goals much sooner than saving alone would permit. This ability to invest in substantial assets accelerates personal progress and wealth building.

Consider Jim, with a small gardening business. Driving an older (but serviceable) car and with limited income he has a choice: borrow to upgrade his car or invest in the business by borrowing to purchase a quality ride-on mower.

Purchasing the mower will enable the car purchase later via increased business cash flow and improved profits (good debt). Upgrading the car which can be delayed would prevent growth (bad debt).

Once the decision is made to apply for that loan, call your broker. Yes, quality brokers can assist with more than residential home loans, including that commercial mower. If you do not have a broker, call us. Integrity Finance Australia will help you with your business and commercial needs, your car loans, and personal loans.

Importantly no one broker here pretends to be an expert in every area! However, we do have financial relationships covering each area to expertly care for your needs.

Responsible borrowing means that you carefully evaluate the necessity of the loan, understanding the terms and interest rates, and having a realistic plan for repayment.

Clever use of finance will achieve hopes and dreams. However, over-borrowing or failing to manage debt can lead to significant financial strain and will hinder, rather than help, the pursuit of your dreams.

Integrity Finance Australia has been serving the Dingley Village community since 2006. If you have any questions on the issues raised in this article or borrowing capacity or your home loan in general, then please email loans@ifinance.com.au, or call us on **03 9511 8883**

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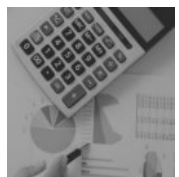


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SAVE KINGSWOOD

Petition to Victorian Parliament Legislative Council

Have you set goals for yourself for 2026?

The petition calls on the Government to adhere to all the findings of the Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee, including implementing flood controls, considering the nearly 2,000 submissions sent by residents to Engage Victoria in April 2025, ensuring that the development is at least halved in number and retaining the entirety of flora and fauna on the site.

The Petition to Parliament needs more signatures. If you have not signed, please go to www.kingswood-floods.com and click on link for the form. Or visit the Neighbourhood Centre to sign the petition.

Return the original signed petition (not a copy) to Ann-Marie Hermans MP, 31 Princes Hwy, Dandenong VIC 3175 OR Hand deliver the original to 7 Greenview Close, Dingley Village or the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road.

Enquiries please call (03) 9794 7667 or email Ann-Marie.Hermans@parliament.vic.gov.au.

13 years of sustained community opposition

More than 8,000 objections

Serious unresolved flood-plain and infrastructure concerns

What has Happened

The proposed redevelopment of Kingswood Golf Course in Dingley Village - a flood-affected site - has been approved not because its merits were properly tested by Kingston.

City Council rather it was ruled to be four days late in lodging appeal paperwork with VCAT.

This ruling has extinguished the Council's right to challenge the State Planning Minister's October 2025 approval of Satterley Property Group's development.

VCAT acknowledged that Kingston City Council made an administrative error in calculating the appeal deadline (14 November instead of 10 November 2025).

However, the Tribunal also confirmed that the communications from the Planning Minister's department were ambiguous and confusing, contributing to the error.

Why this Matters

Residents have now been denied justice at the most critical stage of the planning process - not on planning merits, but due to an admitted administrative mistake by Council.

This outcome permanently alters the future of Dingley Village and undermines public confidence in planning integrity across the Kingston municipality.

Kingswood Golf Park current status



1. The Labor Government set up an "independent" committee for Kingswood issues. Their committee made 100 resolutions. Government trashed 99 of their own committee's resolutions. Including that Council should be the decision-maker.
2. Instead, Labor took Council's planning powers away, to enable their inept Government to inflict extreme ghetto density development and floods on Dingley Village.
3. All with huge flaws, like NO services or infrastructure.
4. Council has many technical concerns, including the insane request they look after the smaller flood dams. Normally Melbourne Water's role.
5. As Council was not heard, they took the matter to VCAT.
6. Council applied to VCAT, based on one of the the 3 or 4 dates the Planning Minister indicated as development approval dates in the media. At first VCAT stated a very short start date for the hearing, then rejected the application as four days too late.
7. Government must have been so excited when VCAT announced that council was four days too late in applying. Save Kingswood response: "democracy is trashed on a technicality."
8. The Government-approved Kingswood plans are riddled with flaws. But Planning Minister Ms Kilkeny raves about them and says Residents were consulted.
9. At a meeting of 150 residents, not one could think of a single request or suggestion that was included in Ms Kilkeny's plans.
10. Her claims, and the absolute refutes, are at www.kingswood-floods.com
11. Satterley's flood plans are half a Billion litres wrong. Our 50 page flood report at the above site shows why.
12. Melbourne Water would not take our floods report into consideration - indicating that Government was the final decision maker.
13. Their so-called engineer looked at a map of Kingswood and said "is this the right map?"
14. This scandalous and reckless dictatorial destruction of Dingley Village should be subject of a Royal Commission.
15. Satterley dropped three bombshells ...
 - a. Kingswood will still flood
 - b. The final number of lots is not known - they said "who knows, it could be 2,000".
 - c. The Government claims they will supply community and sporting facilities, but Satterley knows nothing about that!
16. Why has Dingley Village not been flooded recently? It's a record dry. Wait for the chaos when it rains again. Even if Satterley's flood measures would help a little, they are not planned until stage four!
17. Council, Cr. Caroline White and Mayor Georgina Oxley have been very helpful and deserve the highest thanks from residents. But their hands are tied by the autocratic, amateur Labor government.
18. Government has also placed monitors in Council meetings for no declared reason, costing you more than \$1,500 a day.

Satterley developers do not own Kingswood - yet, so they will not act on requests to clean up weeds and trees. Contact AustralianSuper for that. If you need any assistance, or have things to report, please contact me at savedingley@gmail.com.

If you have not signed the Parliament petition, please do and encourage you neighbours to do so.

Kevin Poulter, President, Save Kingswood Group inc.
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KINGSWOOD DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Upcoming Works at the Former Kingswood Golf Course

Satterley will be commencing preliminary construction works early in 2026 within the vicinity of the former clubhouse and car park located adjacent to Centre Dandenong Road.

These works are required to construct a Sales and Information Office and to upgrade the car park area to support the ongoing operation of the Office, which is expected to become operational later in 2026

The preliminary works will include:

- Construction of the sales and information office and landscaping of the surrounds
- Reconfiguration and resurfacing of the existing car park
- Installation of services required to support the Sales and Information Office
- Demolition of the former clubhouse and maintenance sheds

This initial construction activity does not represent the commencement of the broader development of the former Golf Course. Future development works remain subject to the relevant planning approvals.

Work will be carried out during standard working hours, with traffic management in place where required to maintain safety.

If you have any questions, please contact:
kingswood.info@satterley.com.au.

Information provided by Satterley.



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GARDENING GUIDE

February Gardening

In February, Melbourne gardeners should focus on maintaining the summer garden with consistent watering and sun protection, while also preparing for the autumn/winter season by starting cool-weather crops in punnets.

Planting

February is a transition month, so focus on crops that can handle the remaining heat or those you can start indoors/in punnets for later transplanting.

Plant in punnets (seed trays): Beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, fennel, kale, leek, lettuce, onion, silverbeet, spring onions, potato, and sweet corn. Keep them well-watered and protected from intense heat.



Plant seedlings into soil: Basil and Brussel sprouts (which need the long growing season). Sow directly into soil: Beetroot, carrot, parsnip, radish, rocket, and mustard greens.

Other plantings: Consider planting succulents, veggies, and herbs.

Maintenance and Care

The summer garden requires careful management in February, which is often hot and dry.

Watering: Water deeply and less frequently (at least twice a week), focusing the water on the soil rather than the leaves to prevent disease and evaporation. Water deeply for several days before an anticipated heatwave. Keep an eye on water gardens and ponds as with the hot weather, water levels can get quite low due to evaporation.

Sun Protection: Use shade cloth or fabric to protect sensitive plants and developing fruit from sunburn during extreme heat.

Harvesting: Continue to harvest summer crops like tomatoes, capsicum, chillies, cucumbers, watermelons, strawberries, and beans.

Soil Preparation: As summer crops finish, clear the garden beds and begin preparing the soil for autumn planting by adding compost and organic matter. Feed plants with a seaweed tonic. It will help them grow and also cope better when there's a dry spell.

Mulch: Top up mulch in garden beds and pots to a depth of about 7 cm. This helps retain moisture, keep soil temperatures down, and control weeds. Keep mulch clear of plant stems.



Pruning and fertilising

Fertilise:

- Feed citrus and stone fruit trees with a complete fertiliser.
- Give roses a feed to encourage an autumn flowering flush.
- Apply a liquid fertiliser fortnightly to vegetables and annuals.

Prune:

- Perform a light summer prune on repeat-flowering roses to encourage more blooms.
- Trim lavender and hydrangeas after they have finished flowering.
- Cut back summer-flowering herbaceous perennials.
- Conduct summer pruning on fruit trees by cutting back new growth by about half

Pests & Weeds

Check plants regularly for pests and fungal diseases like mildew and black spot, which thrive in hot, humid conditions. February is also a good time to tidy up garden beds and remove weeds before they flower and set seeds.

Common pests/diseases during this time include:

Aphids: These cluster on new growth, feeding on plant sap and causing warped leaves. They can be managed with organic sprays or by encouraging natural predators like ladybirds.

Powdery Mildew: This is a very common fungal disease in February, especially on cucurbits (zucchini, pumpkins, cucumbers) and roses. It appears as a white or grey powder-like substance on the leaves and stems. Humid nights and warm days exacerbate this issue.

Remove effected leaves etc. and treat with a spray solution of 1 tablespoon of baking soda, 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil, and 1 teaspoon of dish soap in a gallon of water, or a simple milk and water mix (1 part milk to 10 parts water).

Blackspot and Rust commonly affect Rose plants. If you notice any of those on your roses, you can cut them back lightly, remove the diseased leaves, spray the remaining leaves with some organic copper-based fungicide, and also fertilize them to encourage new growth and blooms.



Useful resources

Australian Gardening Calendar: A comprehensive book that provides a month-by-month guide for all climatic zones in Australia.

CERES Nursery: Offers a planting guide and seasonal gardening advice specifically for Melbourne's temperate climate.
www.ceres.org.au/nursery/seasonal-gardening-advice

The Diggers Club: Provides monthly gardening guides for specific regions, including the "cool region" which covers Melbourne.
www.diggers.com.au/pages/my-garden-path

Sustainable Gardening Australia (SGA): Offers monthly garden tips and guides to help you plan your gardening activities seasonally.
www.sgaonline.org.au

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

Dazzling Dahlias

Dahlias are making a comeback and growing in popularity. They make excellent cut flowers that set off any floral arrangement, big or small! What is even better, the more blooms you cut, the more they flower! A real win for gardeners that like to cut their flowers for vase arrangements or give to friends as a big bunch!

Like most plants, Dahlias thrive when fed, watered and get some sun. Dahlias always bring a smile to your face and are easy to grow! With the right care, they will reward you with many blooms over the growing season, which is usually from January and all the way through to May.

Dahlias grow well in slightly raised beds and also in pots. Growing in pots is a great way to grow dahlias if you only have a small space. The Dahlia Society of Victoria, Australia have recently refreshed their website and shared many great growing tips, general information and many photos.

– Be sure to check it out!

DAHLIA SOCIETY of VICTORIA

The 2026 Annual State Dahlia show is held at Mount Waverley on the 28th February & 1st March 2026, where the dazzling, beautiful dahlias will be available for everyone to enjoy. Come along for a great day out with family and friends!

All Welcome. We hope to see you there! For more information on Dahlia growing tips, society events, upcoming shows and becoming a member, visit our website and social media.

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SENIOR SUPPORT

The City of Kingston, Victoria, offers senior support primarily through AccessCare, their local service for in-home care, transport (bus, taxi card), respite, personal alarms, meals, and social programs

They also host senior clubs, events, and provide links to My Aged Care for broader government support, plus offer pensioner rebates and resources like the Kingston Centre for health services, connecting seniors with local activities, clubs, and essential care to live independently.

Key Services & Contacts

AccessCare (Council-Managed):

Services: Transport (community bus, taxis), meals, personal care, respite, alarms, social events.

Contact: Visit accesscare.org.au or call 1300 819 200.

My Aged Care (National): For government-funded aged care assessments and services.

Contact: Call 1800 200 422 or visit myagedcare.gov.au.

Kingston Centre (Monash Health):

For specialist health services like dementia, falls, pain, and rehabilitation.

Contact: monashhealth.org/contact/kingston-centre/.



Activities & Community

- **Senior Clubs:** Over 50 clubs with activities, outings, and morning teas.
- **Kingston Seniors Festival:** Annual events with free activities and information.
- **Health & Fitness:** Programs like "Stronger Me" for balance and strength.

Financial Support

Pensioner Rebate: Increased rebate available on council rates for eligible pensioners. For general council info, visit kingston.vic.gov.au/services/seniors.



THE FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

Friends of Braeside Park is a volunteer group that works alongside Parks Victoria Rangers to protect and enhance Braeside Park. Together, we help conserve the Park so the community can continue to enjoy its picnic areas, playgrounds, and walking and cycling trails.

If you would like to volunteer at Braeside Park, you can join the Friends of Braeside Park by calling **13 19 63**.

There are also many opportunities to get involved through the Parks Victoria, Park Connect website, www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au including activities such as planting, habitat restoration, monitoring, and track maintenance.

These projects often involve working with other local community groups, including the Dingley Village Men's Shed.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Friends are excited to be part of a special project celebrating the 100th anniversary of Phar Lap, the legendary racehorse who trained at Braeside Park in the 1930s.

The Friends of Braeside Park, the Dingley Village Men's Shed, and the Dingley Village Historical Society are partnering to create a wonderful community event highlighting the Park's rich history.

Keep an eye out for more information about this celebration in the coming months.

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Cardiovascular Disease

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is an umbrella term that includes heart and blood vessel diseases (e.g. coronary heart disease), and stroke, is one of Australia's biggest health problems.

CVD accounts for one in four of all deaths, claiming the life of one person every 12 minutes.

Prevalence:

- One in 6 people in Australia self-report as living with CVD, accounting for more than 4.5 million people.
- This represents almost 18% of the total Australian population.
- The number of people with CVD has decreased over time (declining approximately 80% since the 1980s), due to research into and improved knowledge of risk factors, medicines and interventions.
- However, CVD is still one of the most prevalent health conditions in Australia.

Deaths:

- CVD is a major cause of death in Australia; responsible for causing around one in four (24%) of all deaths.
- This means that on average, around 120 people in Australia die from CVD each day, or one person every 12 minutes.
- 40% more men die from CVD compared to women.
- People in lower socioeconomic groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those living in regional and remote areas, generally have higher rates of death due to CVD than other Australians
- Deaths from cardiovascular disease have decreased over the last 10 years.

Hospitalisations

Someone is hospitalised for CVD approximately every minute, equating to over 1500 hospitalisations per day. More men (40% more) than women are admitted for CVD each year. Approximately \$5 billion is spent each year on public hospital services for people with CVD, accounting for 11% of the total spend on hospital admissions – the largest share of any disease group.

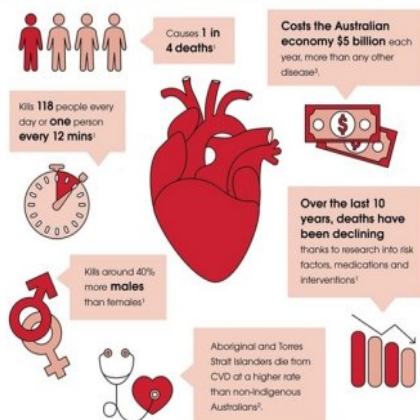
Are you at risk of heart disease?

There's no one cause for heart disease. However, there are risk factors that increase your chance of developing it. The more risk factors you have, the more likely you are to develop heart disease. More than half of Australian adults have three or more risk factors for heart disease. Yet many people don't know they're at risk.

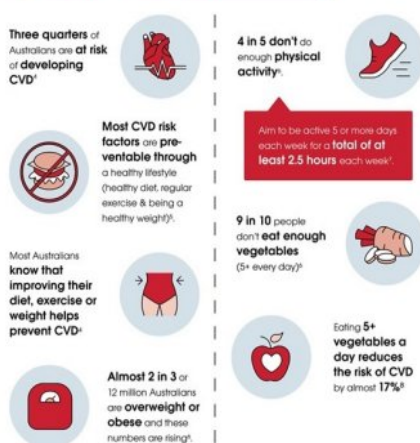
What can you do?

Preventing heart disease starts with knowing your risk factors and making positive lifestyle changes to lower your risk

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) affects more than 4 million Australians¹



Australians can do more to prevent CVD through healthier lifestyles



Most heart attacks and strokes can be prevented with healthy choices. This can include eating a heart-healthy diet, being active and smoke-free.

Follow a heart-healthy eating pattern

Enjoy a variety of fresh and unprocessed foods, including foods rich in whole grains, fibre, vitamins, minerals, healthy fats, and naturally low in unhealthy fats, salt and added sugar.

Move more

Aim to do at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity most days of the week.

Maintain a healthy weight

Follow a heart-healthy eating pattern and be physically active. Speak to your doctor for support to help you achieve your goals.

Be smoke-free

If you smoke tobacco and/or use e-cigarettes, consider quitting. Talk to your doctor, call Quitline on **13 78 48** or visit quit.org.au

Avoid or drink less alcohol

Choose alcohol-free alternatives and reduce overall intake for better heart health.

Manage stress and mental wellbeing
Identify the sources of your stress and think of ways to best manage it. Seek professional help if you are struggling to manage stress

Know your cholesterol

Have your blood cholesterol levels assessed by your doctor and manage them by living a healthy lifestyle and, if needed, with medicines prescribed by your doctor.

Manage your blood pressure

Manage your blood pressure by living a healthy lifestyle and, if needed, with medicines prescribed by your doctor.

Check your blood sugar

Have your blood sugar level assessed by your doctor and manage it through healthy lifestyle and, if needed, with medicines prescribed by your doctor.

Take medicines if and as prescribed by your doctor

If your doctor prescribed you medicines to help lower your risk of heart disease, take them as prescribed.

Get a Heart Health Check

If you are 45 years or older, and do not have heart disease, speak to your GP about having a Heart Health Check. www.heartfoundation.org.au/your-heart/heart-health-checks



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Dry Eyes in Summer: Simple Ways to Stay Comfortable

During the summer months, dry eye symptoms often become more noticeable. Air conditioning, fans and windy conditions can all increase tear evaporation, leading to eyes feeling gritty and irritated.

Some people even notice increased watering which is the eye's reflex response to dryness, but these tears are less stable and tend to overflow, rather than provide lasting comfort.

The good news is that there are some simple ways you can help support your tear film and keep your eyes feeling more comfortable.

Warm Compresses and Lid Massage for Oil Gland Function

Along our eyelids, we have oil glands called meibomian glands. These glands produce oils which help stabilise the tear film and slow evaporation. Dysfunction of these glands is one of the most common causes of dry eye.

Applying warmth to the eyelids helps soften and release these oils. Aim to warm the eyelids to around 40–45°C for 5-10 minutes. This can be done with a warm cloth, a wheat bag or specialised heat mask from a pharmacy or optometry practice.

After warming the eyelids, gently massage your eyelids with clear fingertips. Press lightly just under the lower lashes for about 10 seconds, moving along the lid margin. Repeat on the upper lids. This helps encourage oil flow from the glands.

Squeeze Blink Exercise

Incomplete blinking is common during screen use and can worsen dry eye symptoms. A simple blinking exercise can help reduce the amount of incomplete blinks.

- Gently close your eyes for 2 seconds.
- While closed, gently squeeze your eyelids together for 2 seconds (avoid scrunching your face).
- Gently open and relax your eyes.
- Repeat this sequence 5 times.

Repeat this sequence five times, a few times a day, especially during prolonged digital screen use.

Nutrition and Environment

Studies suggest omega-3 fatty acids may help reduce dry eye symptoms. Good sources include fatty fish such as salmon, sardines, and mackerel, as well as flaxseed and chia seeds.

Try to avoid sitting directly in airflow from air-conditioning or fans, consider using a humidifier and take regular breaks from screens.

Other Helpful Tips

- Use lubricating eye drops regularly; non-preserved options are preferred.
- Avoid drops labeled for "red eyes", as these can artificially constrict blood vessels, cause rebound redness and worsen dryness over time.
- Waking up with excess sleep around your eyes or very dry eyes may indicate eyelid issues of sleeping with your eyes partially open. If you notice these symptoms, mention these to your optometrist.

Dry eye is a multi-factorial condition and often requires a tailored, holistic approach. A comprehensive dry eye assessment can help identify contributing factors and guide effective treatment.

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Everything Old Is New Again

The Dingley Village Men's Shed (DVMS) members are making a real contribution to our community with recycled plastics.

First started in 2019 a couple of likeminded retired engineers decided they could turn used plastic products into handy items for future use. After much research and internet browsing David Taylor came up with plans for a Shredding machine, a machine that chops the plastic into small pieces, then with further modification over time got the chopped pieces to the right size.

In 2020 Kevin Strahan built an extrusion machine, many parts for which were machined on our own lathes and fabricated in the Shed's welding bay. Then member Robert O'Brien designed and assembled all the electronics that were needed.

Process trials began in late 2020: Due to COVID lockdowns and restrictions at the time trials were carried out off-site in Kevin's garage for the making of garden stakes using square metal tube to produce stakes 1.8 metres long. Over 500 trials were done to get all components, temperature, spindle speed, thrust rate and granule size right before the machine was fully operational.



The extrusion machine & mould which shapes the heated recycled plastic

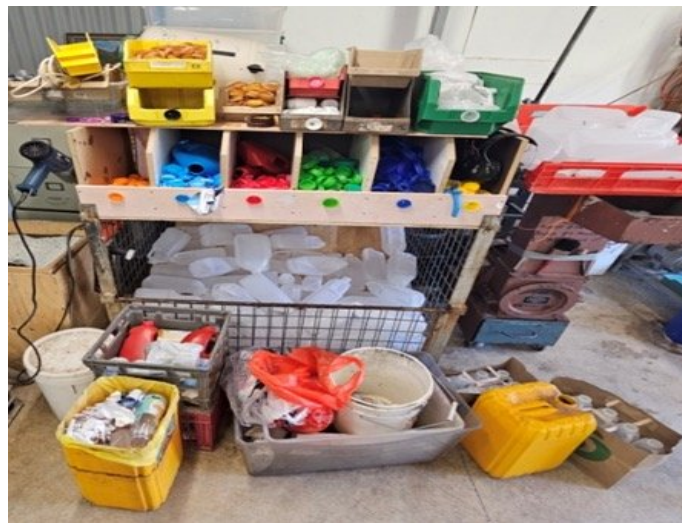
By 2022 they were able to start producing extrusions on a regular basis and from the beginning of 2025 the range of dies now in use has grown to four. From these dies they are now able to make a variety of products e.g.

1. 2 person bench seat, using 275 2lt milk bottles; Qty made to date; 36.
2. 2 person bench seat with back rest, using 414 2lt milk bottles; Qty made to date; 6.
3. Garden stakes, 30mm x 30mm x 1.8mts; Qty made to date; 100.
4. 400mm square planter boxes; plastic deck chairs; Qty made to date; 4.
5. Plastic deck chairs; 1.
6. Garden chairs; 1.

As a special project they made 6 oversized bench seats for a local bowls club. Many of the garden stakes are in use around Braeside Park and in several community gardens. Extrapolating the quantity of products made, plus the off cuts and failures they estimate over 20,000 plastic milk bottles have been recycled. That's 20,000 plastic milk bottles NOT gone to landfill!!

There have been many DVMS members who have given their time and knowledge to get this environmentally sustainable project from an idea to full production which now runs like clockwork. Current Team Members producing recycled plastic products numbers four. This is anticipated to grow as demand for the products increases.

Of course, production of finished items depends on the supply of raw material. So empty, clean, square plastic milk bottles and coloured plastic caps are always welcome.



It has been a long process but very worthwhile and the men involved are willing to assist other Shed's throughout Australia who may want to take on a similar project. The knowledge and expertise these men have gained from this project is priceless and the results are truly amazing. Especially when you look at what can be produced from turning used plastic milk bottles into useful products that will last for the next 99 years or longer.



Coloured tops and containers bring colour to finished items



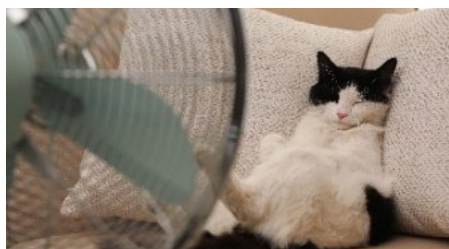
PETS

During a heatwave in Victoria, pets and wildlife are highly susceptible to heat stress and death, with symptoms including excessive panting, lethargy, and collapse. You can help by ensuring constant access to cool, fresh water and shaded areas, and by seeking expert help for animals in distress.



Caring for Pets

- Keep pets indoors in a cool area with air conditioning or fans.
- Provide multiple bowls of cool, fresh water, adding ice blocks to keep it cool.
- Never leave pets unattended in a vehicle, even with windows open, as temperatures can become fatal in minutes.
- Avoid exercise during the hottest parts of the day (generally 10 am to 4 pm). Walk dogs during the cool early morning or evening and avoid hot asphalt which can burn their paws.
- Create cool spaces by freezing water bottles and wrapping them in a towel for pets to lie against, or by placing wet towels in their beds.
- Be aware of heat stroke signs, including rapid panting, drooling, weakness, and muscle tremors. If these occur, move the pet to a cool, shady area, wet them with cool (not icy) water, and contact a vet immediately.




Helping Wildlife

- Put out shallow dishes of cool, fresh water in shaded areas at different heights (ground level, hip height, in trees).
- Add sticks or rocks to the water containers to create escape ramps for small animals like bees and lizards to prevent drowning.
- Create artificial shade using leafy branches, fabric, or garden umbrellas in your yard.
- Keep your own pets safely indoors to allow vulnerable wildlife to access water and shade without fear of predation.
- Do not directly handle heat-stressed wild animals. Call an expert for guidance.
- Report distressed animals to the Wildlife Victoria Emergency Response Service on **03 8400 7300**. For domestic animals in distress, call the RSPCA Victoria.



By taking these simple steps, you can significantly help animals in your local area survive extreme heat conditions.





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Because of this we have been able to release toys for children; have amazing handbags filled with supplies for women; along with festive packs for all that included festive foods for the Christmas family table.

It was so encouraging to hear our doorbell ring, and there was a smiling face at the door, with a donation for our Christmas appeal! Thank you all so much! (Our Facebook page sent you "Thank you's")

Some of our longer established residents will remember the early days when community leaders met and committed to caring for those struggling among us. This Christmas has been made brighter for many in need, and we sincerely thank the young and not so young, for ongoing support.

"Organic Vege Garden"

Giuseppe, our head gardener, is asking for help! For the garden to flourish we have been supplied with mulch and compost. Giuseppe needs some strong hands/able bodies to help him spread these to help our garden grow.



If this is you, please leave your name with us at Make a Difference and Giuseppe will get in touch.

We are so grateful for your interest & support. Our vegetable garden looks great, and the organic produce we grow is distributed as it matures.

In 2025 we have three established programs – food relief for those in crisis; financial counselling for those who need help financially, and a healthy organic vegetable garden where we grow and distribute produce. It is our joy to serve our community!

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Dingley Football Netball Club



The Football Department's pre-season preparation normally commences with solid pre-Christmas sessions in November and December to form a basis for the oncoming season. Our participation in our twelfth consecutive finals series last season, meant that the 2025 campaign was, again, not completed until a full month after most rival clubs.

Senior Coach Zac Horsley, now entering his fourth season at the helm, astutely delayed this year's pre-season until mid January to ensure that all players were well rested as they prepare again.

Your club is again in good hands at the top. President Clinton Brooks approaches 2026 for his ninth season in charge and Brooksy and his committee are working hard for continued success. The Club welcomes Jarrod Best to the role of Reserves Coach. Jarrod was deputy to outgoing 2024/2025 coach Sam Williams last year and is a popular, experienced and well credentialed appointment.



We are also excited by the addition of several high quality recruits to both the football and netball arms of the club.

Supporters will also see the return of a couple of top graders who were unable to complete season 2025 for various reasons.

Another important addition to the club is new Under 19s coach Nathan Gough who is hard at work assembling an Under 19 squad.

We were unable to field a team at that level last year, but things are looking up in that space, and we strongly encourage potential Under 19s players to get on board a great footy club.

Also, in that space, at the completion of the 2025 playing season, Zac instigated a Junior Development Program, aimed at teenage footballers who were keen to fast track their abilities under expert tuition and mentoring.

The program was an outstanding success. Many young footballers have been assisted in practical ways, and the club has identified a lot of talent.



The Netball department, fresh from four 2025 Premierships in four Divisions, will again be under the 'best in the business, Manager/Coach, A.J. Ballantyne. Another big year on the courts lies ahead.



Finally, we want to welcome back all our fabulous generous sponsors, hardworking volunteers and loyal club members.

We hope to see you as regulars at games and events at 'The Pavilion' in season 2026.

Go Dingoes in 2026"



VILLAGE REFLECTIONS

Heatherton Cricket Club

The Heatherton Cricket Club was formed in 1879. The Oakleigh Leader (North Brighton, Vic.: 1888 - 1902), Saturday 20 July 1895, page 2 reported:

"HEATHERTON CRICKET CLUB.

The above club held their first annual social last Thursday, 18th inst., in the Mechanics' Institute, when a very pleasant time was spent by those assembled. There were some eighty couples. Mr J. Attenborough acted as Chairman, Mr J. Longmuir as M.C., and Mr J. Mills Hon. Sec.

The report for the season 1894-95 is as follows :-The club started with a membership of 17, and increased during the season, until now they have a good strong financial club able to meet its own against all comers.

Played 26 matches, won 27, lost 7, drawn 14, scoring 2,212 runs against 1,499 showing they are particularly strong in batting and bowling. Averages. Batting - H. Hadley, 26; J. Brownfield, 18; G. Brownfield, 12; W. Longmuir, 11; Bowling - W. Longmuir, 5.7; H. Hadley, 5.22; J. Brownfield, 6.3.

The club are indebted to the following gentlemen for their generous support: J. Attenborough, J.P., 20s; W. E. Morris, 21s; Dr Moore, 20s; Mr Hotton, 20s; C Abbott 10s 6d; Cr Le Page 10s 6d; Cr Brownfield, 10s; J. Brownfield 10s; Mr Freeman (trophy), 10s 6d."

Most of the early history of the club was lost in a fire but this photo of the team in 1907 - 1908 is at the Dingley Village Historical Society. The club still plays at the Heatherton Recreation Reserve in Ross Street, Heatherton.

The Dingley Village Historical Society has a collection of documents, photographs and information on the history of Dingley Village and its early families, we are always looking to add to our collections and would welcome any information people would like to share with us.

If you would like information or would like to share any information with us please contact: The Dingley Village Historical Society enquiries@dvhs.com.au or visit us at 31A Marcus Road, Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 10am to 12.



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Wrapping up 2025 on a high note, CWA Dingley Village had a fantastic Christmas Stall at Woolies Dingley Village on Friday, Dec 5. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Woolies for generously providing space for our stall and to the wonderful community for their unwavering support during Christmas and throughout 2025.

We love starting the new year with a bang—or, in our case, with coffee and cake! Breaking away from our usual meeting space, our members held their annual social get-together in mid-January. Our ladies enjoyed a delightful morning tea at the Cheltenham/Moorabbin RSL.

It was the perfect, relaxed setting to share stories and catch up on all the fun from the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Then, business resumed! Our regular monthly meetings began on the fourth Wednesday of January.

This key meeting is all about looking forward, where we map out our exciting calendar of events for the year, from essential fundraising stalls to engaging social activities. And of course, no meeting is complete without our traditional shared light lunch, a true potluck that showcases our members' culinary talents and fellowship.

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

Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Our friendly group of singles and couples meet at the Dingley Hotel on the second Thursday of the month from 7.00pm, with the next one on the 12th of February.

We also have a group dinner at various locations on the last Saturday of the month. Please come and join us – new members are welcome! For more information contact Shirley on **0411 265 261** or Graeme on **0407 930 515**.

Probus Club Dingley Central



Our guest speaker at our January meeting was Bronwyn Quist from the Dingley Historical Society. The society was formed in 1996. Their aim is to collect photos, newspaper and memorabilia, and assist families searching historical information. Bronwyn presented an insight into the early settlers of Dingley and surrounding areas covering Heatherton and Braeside. In the early 1920's Market Gardens, the Gartside brothers established a cannery, sheep and cattle grazing, were prominent occupations. Later years poultry farming, flower farming, Dingley Park Dairy and Archibald's honey were introduced.

The Historical Society are situated at 31A, Marcus Road, Dingley. They are open to the public, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, hours 10am to 2pm. Plans are underway for a day tour to the Werribee Zoo in March.

Activities for February: Happy Hour, Legs and Morning Coffee, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, Morning Melodie's, Dine Out, Film Day, Craft Group, Ladies Lunch and Games Day.

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 always welcome. For further information please contact Jean on **0438 272 232**.

Website: dingleycentralprobus.wix.com/dingleycentralprobus

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
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

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 7 Children with their education. Women from all walks of life are most welcome to join us please contact Fran Thomas for further information. franniet@gmail.com or 0419 309 931.

Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month at 10am. Where: Keysborough Golf Club, 55 Hutton Rd Keysborough, easy parking.

Italian Senior Citizens of Kingston - "La Baracca"

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

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

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. The 2026 programme is underway and the following activities will be available for members and visitors:

Tuesdays – Bingo on the 1st, 2nd and 4th of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry and \$1.50 per book. **Concerts** with professional entertainers are on the 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry.

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.

During 2025 we have experienced an increase in participation in all our activities so we must be doing some things right.

The Club re-opened on the 20th of January with entertainment by Rob Foenander. Our entertainer on 17th February will be Col Perkins and on 17th March Gavin Chattellier.

Club membership for F/Y 25/26 remains at \$10.00 and it is not too late to join this growing organisation.

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.

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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

Mordialloc/Chelsea Evening VIEW Club is on the lookout for new members who want to give back to their community and make new connections with women in the area. "We are always looking for women of all backgrounds and ages to join us and look forward to welcoming new faces at our next monthly meeting," said Club President Rhonda.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at The Bridge Hotel 1-4 Nepean Highway Aspendale at 6.30pm, includes dinner and a guest speaker RSVP Myra 0407041734.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can call Maria on 0419507384 or Helen on 0418557358 or visit www.view.org.au for further information.

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.

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Our Vision and our Mission

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What's On

Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month
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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

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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 10 am Worship Service

In person or can watch livestream on our webpage.

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- Bible teaching through expository preaching.
- Pastor Rodney Hole is currently preaching through the book of Hebrews.
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Meets for Bible study and fellowship in various suburbs on a fortnightly basis in Springvale, Narre Warren, Pakenham, and Lyndhurst areas.

Bible Study

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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.

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Last Sunday of the Month

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Next Combined Service: Sun 1st March at 10am.

Special Events

Ash Wednesday Service: 6pm, Wed 18th February

Men's Breakfast

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Next Breakfast: Sat 28th February.

Progressive Dinner

Fri 13th March. Numbers strictly limited. Bookings essential. Cost \$20 per person. Contact office for details.

Passover Meal

6pm Friday 27th March. RSVP Fri 13th March. Bookings essential. Contact office for details

Life Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

Saturday Youth Group

Youth Group returns on Saturday 14th February 2026. Lots of fun and engaging activities for ages 13 to 17 years. Drop off 6:30 pm, pick up 9 pm (sign-in essential).

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2nd Tuesday Monthly Service: NEW TIME

1.30 PM Holy Communion Service
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