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KINGSWOOD GOLF COURSE SITE

After 11 years of opposing development on Kingswood I have some very sad news. Plans beyond our worst nightmares are in play and were sent by the State Government to Kingston Council on January 17th with a response to Slatterleys 900 lot planning application, due by 14th February along with the request not to share the documents or information with residents.

Before you are critical of council, please remember they were incredibly helpful in the past, in rejecting, or at least moderating any plans for Kingswood. One of the Labor Parties' most prominent members, Steve Staikos, was a huge help.

But the current government has decreed the Planning Minister is also the decision maker - not council - so no doubt council dislikes this as much as we do.

Over 900 units are on the plans

Despite the Flood risk and 8,000 objections, AustralianSuper foolishly stated it correctly - 96 percent of Dingley Village residents don't want their Central Park destroyed. How can they do this, when 800 units were shown to not fit and now 900 are demanded on a site that is shrinking, including with an enlarged dam. That dam will not solve the flooding problem, as its beyond the dam that is terrifying. The developers will dig up hundreds of kilometres of drainage pipes, covering much of the 54ha soak, destroying the Aquifer, and replacing it with flood collectors - roads, units and footpaths.

Please note the developer will be selling lots not buildings. Also advise anyone thinking of buying in the development, of the hazards in doing so. Despite an earlier Government statement that residents will be invited to view and comment on plans, it is not clear if it was going to happen this time. Or indeed if any notice will be taken of us. Our representative for the seat of Isaacs, Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus contacted the Planning Minister's office and has advised plans will be on display for comment from the end of February.

The Allan Government has already announced 800 units on Kingswood and Save Kingswood's huge files on the flooding risk with technical information have been ignored by Melbourne Water. Please send out many emails because it's feared the viewing is just a token gesture that will result in no changes.

Please especially hammer the floods issue. The developer Satterley purchased the site from AustralianSuper, and I instigated talks with them and the DVCA, but all the while they were sneakily producing hundreds if not thousands of pages of plans as they smiled and talked to us.

I firmly believe that we would continue to have a park with no development, if the decision was up to Hon Mark Dreyfus Federal member for Isaacs, Hon Meng Heang Tak, State member for Clarinda, Martin Pakula former State member of Keysborough and former Planning Minister Richard Wynne.

Please attend our Save Kingswood meeting on March 7th in the Dingley Community Centre Hall.

Opening time is 7.30, so please come when you can.

Much more information and a copy of the floods report can be found at www.savedingley.com.

It's never too late because the government that imposed this horrific development on us can also moderate it.



This article was provided by Kevin Poulter, President, Save Kingswood Group Inc savedingley@gmail.com

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH | 8:30AM - 1:00PM



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

WHAT'S ON AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE?

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Teens Games Group

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

Zumba Gold with Norma

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



Seniors Body and Balance with Norma

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

Social Table Tennis with John

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

Writing for Pleasure

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



Social Art group with Carla

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



Knit, Craft & Natter with Marlene

Have a knitting or any other craft project lying around or want to learn how to knit. Thursdays 10am -12pm in the Centre. Free Class, no need to book- Just come along.

Chatty Café

The Chatty Café Scheme aims to get people chatting to build and encourage social connections within the local community, and to help reduce social isolation and loneliness. Let's keep our community connected! Wed 10am to 12pm in the 'Harold Box Hall in the Foyer'. Free, just some along.



Collection Point

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

Playgroup Victoria for Dingley Village

Tuesdays 9 am-11 am in Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre & Early Years Services building. Contact Neighbourhood Centre for more details.

Taekwondo with David

Mon & Thurs 5.30pm -7pm in the 'Harold Box Hall'. If you are interested in joining, contact David on 0439 304 579.

Tai Chi

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you can, please support local businesses and shop locally, if you can afford to eat out, do it locally. Our local businesses are part of our community, many employ locals and support local groups, they are part of what make Dingley Village a great place to live.

Lexington Gardens Market

Friday 7th March 10am – 1pm

FREE ENTRY & FREE PARKING. Featuring Easter and Mothers Day arts and crafts along with regular stallholders. Village Cafe open for morning tea and/or lunch. Parking on site in Visitor car park on left of Westall Road entrance and Windsor Avenue (Souter St) entrance. Lexington Gardens Retirement Village, 114 Westall Road, Springvale.

WANTED – Old Photographs

The Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church, formerly known as the Heatherton Methodist Church, is looking for any old photographs that capture the essence and moments of our congregation over the years. If you have any photographs, be they of ceremonies, events, or gatherings, we would deeply appreciate your contribution.

Please contact Chris Duguid (0417 386 870) or email duguidct@optusnet.co.au if you are willing to let us copy your photographs for our history.

Thank You, Thank You So Much

At Make A Difference we appreciate the many Dingley Village residents who have donated food to our pantry, and finance as able, during the Christmas season. The festive season can be difficult for many struggling parents and families, and through the generosity of our community, we were able to assist many. Food & petrol vouchers, toys, groceries (even some clothing) and gifts for children and the homeless arrived at our door. It warmed our hearts to see the community in action, caring for one another! This is why we exist, and we look forward to March 26th, when we celebrate 40 years of caring for the community.

We would love to suggest families consider a "celebration donation" of \$4, \$40, or \$400, which we will turn into vouchers to share with those coming through our doors. Business owners or operators may wish to consider \$4,000 or even \$40,000! After a short break over the festive season, we are back into full swing. Our door is always open to people who are in crisis, homeless, or experiencing the cost-of-living becoming overwhelming.

Contact Us: 29 Marcus Road, Dingley Village 3172 PH: 03 9551 1799
Email: admin@maddv.com.au
Web: www.maddv.com.au

Special Dates in March



28th February - 30th March: Ramadan+ Islam

Ramadan, observed by nearly 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide, is a sacred month in the Islamic calendar dedicated to fasting, prayer, and reflection. It's a time when believers draw closer to God, practice self-discipline, and engage in acts of charity. During the month of Ramadan, healthy adult Muslims abstain from food, drink, and other physical needs from dawn until sunset.

This act of fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam, fundamental practices that define a Muslim's faith and practices.

5th March – 17th 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.

14th March: Purim* Judaism

Commemorates the time when the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from extermination by the courage of a young Jewish woman, Queen Esther. Preceded by the Fast of Esther, Purim is a joyous holiday.

14th March: Holi **Hinduism

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



20th March: Close the Gap Day

Australia has one of the highest standards of living in the world, but did you know that most Indigenous people die 10-17 years younger than the rest of the population? Many Indigenous people have a third-world standard of living, including limited access to health services, which creates this 'gap' in health.

**National
Close the
Gap Day**

20th March



27th March: Lailat al Qadr+ Islam

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

31st March: Eid al Fitr+ Islam

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

+ All dates and times are subject to confirmation and sighting of the moon, but Ramadan 2025 in Australia is expected to start after sunset on Friday, 28th February 2025.

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

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STOP - Scammers will pretend to be from organisations you know and trust like businesses, the police, your bank or government services.

CHECK - Never click a link in a message. Only contact businesses or government using contact information that you find yourself from their official website or app.

PROTECT - Contact your bank if you notice unusual activity or if a scammer gets your money or information. Seek help and report the scam to Scamwatch. When you report scams, you help us stop the scam and warn otherS.

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Proposed Kingswood Development

There have been a few mixed messages in the mainstream and social media this month about the planned development on Kingswood. What we know for sure is that Satterley have made preliminary plans and they have been sent to the Victorian Planning Minister Sonia Kilkenny and Kingston Council. Council have applied to the Victorian Department of Planning for more time to respond to these, due to the sheer scale of the paperwork. Wider community consultation will follow that step.

It is unclear exactly how many dwellings Satterley are aiming for, but for context 823 were rejected in the previous plan as too dense. DVCA are working on the assumption that some development will occur (since the site is now zoned residential) so we are advocating for pedestrian links, lower density and maximum open space.

Tootal Road Works

With Hawthorn Football Club getting closer to completion and the potential for the Kingswood Development, DVCA are advocating for a significant upgrade to Tootal Road as soon as possible. This has been discussed since 2016 and is now a race against the clock so that it can be safe enough for Hawthorn to host AFLW games next season. The next key requirement is an assessment from Melbourne Water so that flooding risks are reduced. We will continue to update our community as information come to light.

Shopping Centre Streetscape

DVCA are also advocating for a functional and aesthetic facelift to our small shopping centre on Centre Dandenong Road. This would include better space and amenities at the two café ends of the shopping strip, and a rearrangement of the parking in the central area. We hope that this will support local businesses with a more attractive area to potential customers. As always, we will update residents as we make progress.

Rowan Rd / Westall Intersection

This intersection has been officially made part of the Government's Black Spot program, and will receive a significant safety upgrade soon. The project has gone to tender and we are waiting to find out if this will include traffic signals.

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 the 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.

DVCA Contact Info

Contact us by email at dvcasecretary@gmail.com or come to our monthly evening meeting. Meetings are held in the library, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7:30pm, located at 31b Marcus Rd. New members are most welcome to attend.

For further information please contact the DVCA Secretary at dvcasecretary@gmail.com, or visit www.dvca.info



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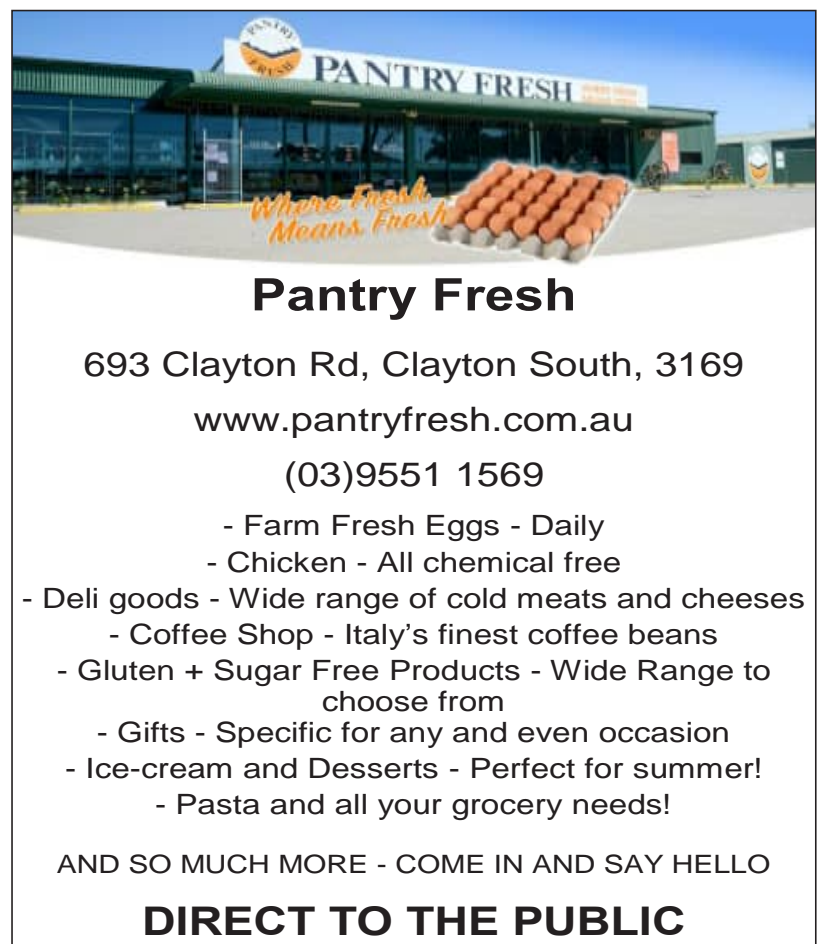
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Expert Series launched in libraries

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Don't miss this chance to connect with experts and ignite your passion for lifelong learning!

featuring engaging talks by leading experts on trending topics. From health and lifestyle tips to the latest in finance, gardening, fashion, history, science, and even space exploration, each session offers valuable knowledge and practical advice for all ages.

Mayor Georgina Oxley said whether you're a curious learner or looking for inspiration, these talks are designed to inform, inspire, and ignite your passion for lifelong learning. "Don't miss this opportunity to stay ahead of the curve and connect with the experts," Cr Oxley said.

Energy-Smart Living: Boost Comfort, Cut Costs, and Go Green

Join Tom Curtis and James William of Australian Energy Assessments for a session on boosting home energy efficiency, comfort, and sustainability. Learn about upgrades like insulation, draft-proofing, efficient heating, and solar energy. Perfect for homeowners and renters, this event offers actionable tips to lower energy costs and enhance comfort.

Parkdale Library, Monday 24 March, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Bookings essential: **1300 135 668**, Dingley Village Library or online.

To find out more about The Expert Series and everything else happening across the libraries, head to library.kingston.vic.gov.au.

Gardens for Wildlife

Gardens for Wildlife is a free program that helps residents develop wildlife friendly habitat in their gardens.

By increasing habitat in our gardens we can create important stepping-stones for wildlife to thrive and move through our neighbourhoods. Whether you have a large established garden or a small balcony, there are many elements you can add to enhance your space and to provide shelter, nesting habitat and food sources for native wildlife.



The Gardens for Wildlife program at City of Kingston offers:

- a free garden assessment to discuss how you can increase habitat in your garden
- educational workshops and events throughout the year to learn more about indigenous plants and wildlife gardening
- volunteer opportunities to get involved in biodiversity projects

For more information about habitat gardening, biodiversity and attracting wildlife to your garden, you can download the Gardens for Wildlife Booklet or check out our posters and colouring sheets with tips and information on native wildlife, plants and nesting habitats.


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LOOKING AT LOANS



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In acting as your mortgage broker, we offer choices to you on many levels as to which lender you wish us to process your loan application to.

For many clients in complex situations, the challenge is simply in obtaining the required loan amount. With an ability to work with over 60 lenders, if it can be done, we will do it! The 'best' available option may be clearly one lender once the research is done.

Then we have the clients who can get a loan anywhere – their income and deposit are covered, no complications. What matters most may be just the lowest interest rate available. Again then, a clear choice can be provided. For some clients though what matters most is the credibility of the lender. Then things can become far more subjective!

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) is shorthand for an investment principle that prioritises environmental issues, social issues, and corporate governance. Values like community and sustainability are increasingly important among Australian consumers. In the world of where to invest your savings this is now a well-recognised and established focus.

Those values are also important and prioritised in some banks. Customer-owned banks, or mutual banks, are the leaders in this field. They prioritise member benefit over profit maximisation, setting them apart in the financial landscape. These banks are not listed on any stock exchange, they are not owned by random shareholders, they are owned by those who have bank accounts with them.

By then reinvesting profits into the community, these institutions drive economic resilience, social equity, and

environmental sustainability. Mutual banks leverage their community-centric approach to compete effectively, they offer competitive rates and personalised services. This fosters deep trust and loyalty among their customers, who understand these banks as more transparent and ethical.

Their concept of a long-term lender-borrower relationship, built on trust, shared values and supporting their communities does not mean a sacrifice from the borrower: Positive experiences, convenience and interest rate offering can be better than the 'major' banks. These banks have proven to be extremely popular amongst our clients.

ESG is a rapidly evolving focus in lending. Changing customer attitudes and developing awareness of sustainability issues in society are major factors pushing the change. Many banks are now advertising their ESG credentials.

A key factor in my analysis of these credentials is to look for B Corp Certification – this is an independent international accreditation system recognising corporate leaders in the global movement for an inclusive, equitable, and regenerative economy. They measure a company's entire social and environmental impact.

If you are a client whose lender is B Corp Certified, then congratulations! It may have been accidental for you, but you can feel happy that you are contributing to a better world whilst also being on a great rate and receiving premium service. Best of all worlds.

Interest rates and monthly repayments on a loan will always be the number one priority for borrowers. However, there are other considerations that also matter when a client chooses their preferred lender.

We see ESG considerations being increasingly important to our clients. Mortgage broking now processes more than 70% of residential lending Australia wide, and we now have access to more than 60 lenders.

This has opened new possibilities and options for you to consider when you borrow. When faced with choosing between banks with equivalent interest rates and one has B Corp Certification, that will often be the deciding factor.

So, what matters to you?

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 support@ifafinance.com.au, or call us on **03 9511 8883**.

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What is endometriosis?

Endometriosis is when body tissue like the lining of the uterus (womb), called the endometrium, grows in other parts of the body. It usually grows in your pelvis but can occur in almost any part of the body.

The tissue responds to the hormone oestrogen released from your ovaries. It gets full every month and then breaks down when you have your period. This process can lead to pain, inflammation and scarring, causing organs to stick together (known as adhesions).

Endometriosis is a progressive and chronic condition, meaning it gets worse over time. It can be very painful and can affect fertility. Having endometriosis may affect how you take part in education, work or sporting activities. About 1 in 9 females in Australia develop endometriosis and it causes tens of thousands of hospitalisations every year.

This disease can have a major impact on an individual's quality of life and wellbeing, for many putting their life on hold during and around their period. While there is no cure for endometriosis and it can continue until menopause or beyond, there are effective treatments that may relieve symptoms.



What are the symptoms of endometriosis?

People with endometriosis will experience different symptoms. Depending on where the endometriosis is, the severity of the symptoms will change. The variability of symptoms contributes to the average 6.5 year diagnosis delay for endometriosis.

Symptoms include:

- abdominal (tummy) or pelvic pain before and during your period, during or after sex or when going to the toilet.
- pain in your thigh or leg, which may get worse over time.
- heavy periods or irregular bleeding, sometimes with clots, or bleeding for longer than normal or before your period is due.
- bleeding from the bladder or bowel, or changes in urination or bowel movements, such as needing to urinate more often.
- feeling bloated, with or without pain.
- being tired, especially around the time of your period.
- unable to get pregnant (infertility).

For some people, the pain is so severe they cannot take part in education, work or sport. Sometimes, the pain of endometriosis is associated with anxiety or depression.

What problems can endometriosis cause?

Two types of problems can occur when endometriosis is present. These are:

- Pain
- Infertility (trouble becoming pregnant).

It is possible that you can have endometriosis and not have either of these problems. If endometriosis is present and it is not causing pain or problems with fertility, it does not need to be treated, though your doctor may recommend monitoring with clinical examinations (such as a pelvic examination when you have your routine Pap smear) or occasionally ultrasound and other tests if they are thought to be appropriate.

When should I see my doctor?

If you think you have endometriosis, talk to your doctor about your symptoms. The Raising Awareness Tool for Endometriosis (RATE) is an online tool that can help you and your doctors recognise endometriosis and its related symptoms. This may help you get diagnosed faster and treated more effectively.

Support

There are a range of resources designed to assist with managing symptoms and providing essential support for Endometriosis.

- Endometriosis Australia: www.endometriosisaustralia.org
- Raising Awareness Tool for Endometriosis: www.ranzcog.edu.au/resources/raising-awareness-tool-for-endometriosis-rate/
- Endozone has research-based information and suggestions about how to manage your endometriosis symptoms at various stages of life, from school to work and family life. www.endozone.com.au

- CHARLI Health app which is the first Australian women's health tracking app empowering Australians with evidenced-based information for conditions such as menstruation, fertility, sexual health, pregnancy, and peri/menopause, pain and endometriosis. It connects Australians with leading women's health specialists via telehealth no matter where you live, including GPs, specialists, and allied healthcare practitioners. CHARLI can be downloaded via the Apple Store and Google Play.

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Understanding Presbyopia: What You Need to Know

Presbyopia is a natural part of aging that affects everyone at some point in their lives. If you've found yourself holding your smartphone or book a little farther away to bring the text into focus, you're likely experiencing this common condition. While it's normal, understanding presbyopia can help you address it effectively and maintain your quality of vision.

What Is Presbyopia?

Presbyopia is a gradual loss of the eye's ability to focus on nearby objects. It typically begins around the age of 40 and continues to progress until around 65. Unlike nearsightedness or farsightedness, which are caused by the shape of the eye or cornea, presbyopia stems from the natural aging of the eye's lens.

The lens of the eye becomes less flexible over time, making it harder to adjust focus between objects at varying distances. This rigidity affects how light is focused on the retina, leading to blurry vision when looking at close objects.

Symptoms of Presbyopia include:

- Difficulty reading small print, especially in low light.
- The need to hold reading material farther away.
- Eye strain or headaches after close-up tasks like reading or using a computer.
- Blurred vision at normal reading distance.

Fortunately, there are many ways to manage presbyopia

Reading Glasses

Reading glasses are an affordable and straightforward solution for most cases.

Prescription Lenses

Bifocal or progressive lenses can correct presbyopia while also addressing other vision issues like nearsightedness or astigmatism.

Contact Lenses

Multifocal contact lenses or monovision lenses (one lens for near vision, the other for distance) are good alternatives for those who prefer not to wear glasses.

Surgical Options

Procedures like laser surgery or lens replacement surgery can provide longer-term solutions. But there are limitations and a further discussion with an optometrist/ophthalmologist is recommended.

Lifestyle Adjustments

Using adequate lighting, taking breaks during close-up tasks, and holding reading materials at a comfortable distance can alleviate symptoms. However, an intervention will still likely be required.

Presbyopia is a natural part of life, but it doesn't have to interfere with your daily activities. With modern solutions and a proactive approach, you can continue to see clearly and comfortably.

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KINGSWOOD UPDATE

A message from Cr Caroline White Update Kingswood Golf Course

Kingston City Council was sent plans for the Kingswood Golf Course development on the 17th of January by Satterly, the developers that are currently planning to build 900 – 950 units on the site. This level of density suggests plots of land could be as small as approximately four metres wide.

To put this in perspective, the old workers' cottages in Port Melbourne or Balaclava are six metres wide. The Labor State Government's Planning Department insisted Council was to provide feedback by the 14th of February. Giving Council under a month to read through thousands of pages of documents and zero ability for community consultation to occur before submitting a response.

I was notified by Council on the 3rd of February, and became extremely concerned that Planning Minister Sonya Kilkeny's department hadn't been particularly responsive to our requests for more information regarding this process given the unprecedented scale and impact to our area. On the 5th of February I publicly called on Sonya Kilkeny to open community consultation and grant us an extension to provide a response to the plans, and for our local MPs to intervene.

The issue with the support of our Mayor Georgina Oxley and our Dingley Village community gained mainstream media attention.

On the 13th of February we received news about being granted an extension and have been told community consultation will occur later this month.

I will keep you updated once I know more and will continue to do everything I can for transparency, accountability and the best outcomes for our community.

Please sign up to my mailing list via this url:

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Note: This statement by Cr Caroline Wilson is her personal response and is not on behalf of Kingston City Council.

Cr Caroline White | Caruana Ward

“ As a mum, dance studio owner and home owner, I'm keeping cost-of-living and our local economy front of mind. Supporting small business, helping build a flourishing local economy and working to avoid inappropriate development are key drivers for me. ”

YOUR COUNCILLOR

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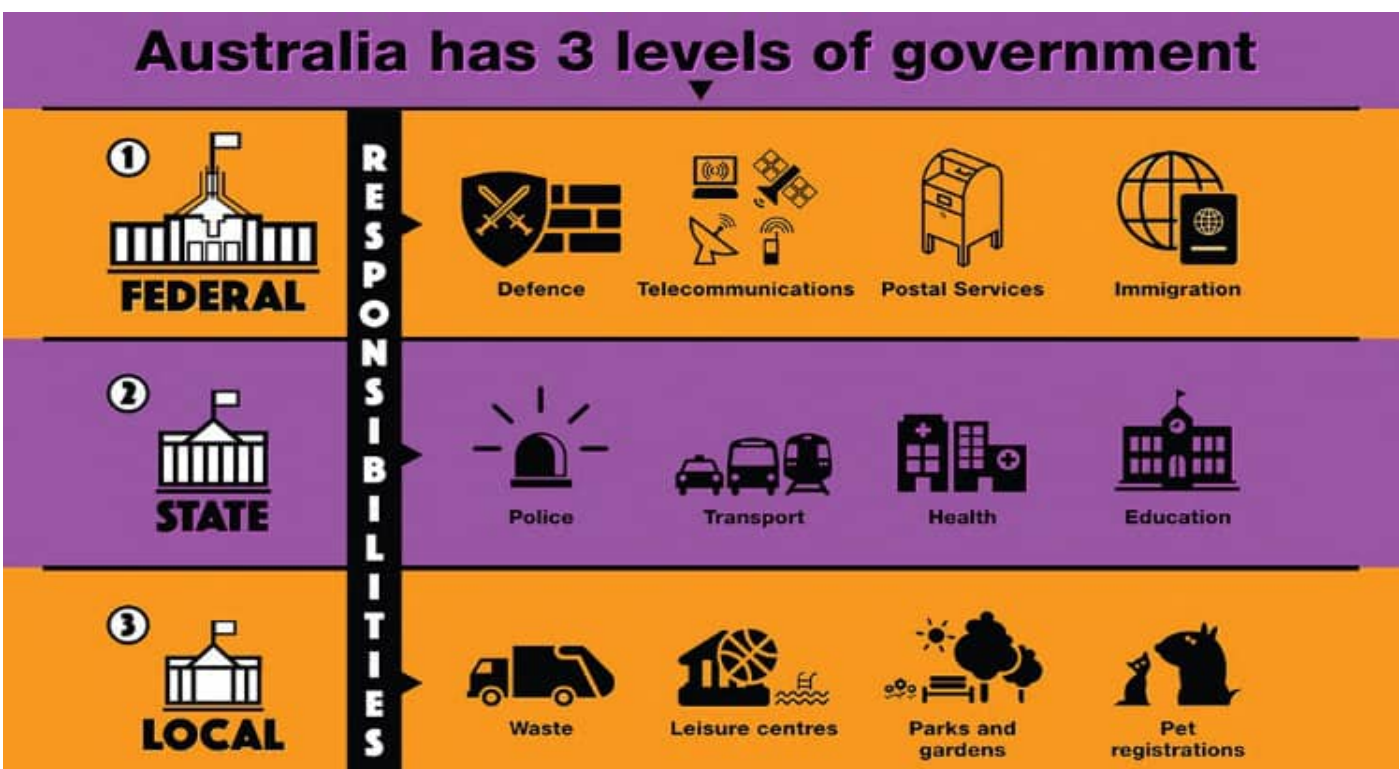
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VILLAGE REFLECTIONS

Dingley Primary School

The Dingley Primary School (No 4257) was opened on Monday 28th September 1925. The Gartside Family donated the land for the original timber building that was partitioned with folding doors to provide two rooms and had a porch on the Centre Dandenong Road, side.

The Dingley Village Historical Society has a collection of documents, photographs and information on the Dingley Village Primary School, we are always looking to add to our collections and would welcome any information people would like to share with us. If you went to Dingley Village Primary School and 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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As you can see by the pic this is no ordinary house. Its purpose is to enable the training of brigade volunteers with the best means of fighting a house fire.

The windows, doors and chimney all collapse with the pressure of the water from the fire truck's hoses. So, direction and force of the water are important elements of successful firefighting. Too late to learn on the job!

Our design and construct guru Robert O'Brien came up with the idea, members of our Men's Shed assisted in its construction and decoration. So, we delivered to our local volunteer fire fighters a very handy tool upon which they could practise.

Being completely voluntary this 80 year-old brigade of young and not-so-young members are called out at all hours of the day and night to attend urgent house, grass, car fires etc. which are beyond the capacity of the general public to handle. How fortunate are we to have such a dedicated band of specialist volunteers in our community?

I would say very lucky indeed - just ask those who have benefitted from their skills.

by Geoff Hergt



L - R : Ray Harveson, Gill Grigg (Keysborough CFA), Gary Bolton, Robert O'Brien, John Legge, John Stewart and Geoff Hergt

WRITERS CORNER



A Moving Violation

I write this addressed
"To Whom it may concern",
For your gender or status,
I cannot discern. You wrote to
me with regard to a traffic offense,



So here in prose is my response and defence.
The charge is that by 10 k the limit I did exceed,
My impassioned plea is that there was a great need.
It was on the Westgate four lanes wide at 100 k,
To work at Oh Five Thirty I was making my way.
There was a B train in the lane to my right,
With twenty-two wheels rolling it was a sight.
The indicator a metre in front began to blink,
I saw it flashing and it made me think.
In time I estimated I had about seconds three,
Before those twenty-two wheels rolled over me.
I knew if I hit the brakes it was much too far,
Before that truck cleared where I was in my car.
So, pedal to the metal I sank the slipper,
Moving like Cinderella slopping her slipper.
I got out of there right quick and was one happy chap,
It was then that your camera took that fateful snap.
I hope that you are moved by my rhyming explanation,
It was not the speed crazy that is sweeping the nation.
So I admit the limit by 10 k I did indeed exceed,
On hearing my defence surely there is no need to proceed.
L Risk

The Pickled Pick

They couldn't find the jockey and the race was about to start.
But Bill was feeling cocky and said: "I'll play the part!"

"I'm short and not too stocky, how hard can racing be?
I'll be your 'fill in' jockey. Pick me! Pick me! Pick me!"

Bill was full of bubbling beer and stumbled towards the course.
The drunken crowd began to cheer, as he climbed up on the
horse. But the horse took racing seriously and refused to let
Bill stay.
How hard can racing really be? Well Bill found out that day!

By Helen Murphy



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



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Visit the Dingley Village Shopping Centre website for a full list of retailers, plus updates on NEW STORES, IN-STORE GIVEAWAYS and the LATEST NEWS from your local community of shops! #DingleyVillageShoppingCentre



LETTER TO THE EDITOR



This is the saddest time for Dingley Village, the commencement of the destruction of our wonderful town.

We discovered through our good Councillor, Caroline White, that thousands of pages of plans for an immense overdevelopment of Kingswood have been with Council since January 17th. The autocratic Labor Government decreed we are not permitted to see the plans! I think they prefer we did not know about them too.

In the event we can comment on the plans later, it will be a farce, as the Labor Planning Minister has stated the decision is hers. Labor has apparently encouraged not 800 units, but 900. However, a Satterley spokesperson said, "who knows, it might be 2,000". The 900 is insane density and will make a ghetto within Dingley Village. Council has always been supportive but are now hamstrung by Government.

Please write to local members and Planning to protest. My friends, its been 11 years of fighting

Kevin Poulter - President, Save Kingswood Group inc.



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President Clint Brooks again heads a hardworking administration and all the key roles on and off the field are in the same safe hands. Standing still is death in sport and an exciting bunch of new recruits have already committed for 2025 along with our ever loyal and new sponsors. The level of expectation is high around the club especially as we now have shared use of the new Dingley Pavilion along with the Dingley Cricket Club. A new chapter is beginning and great days are ahead. An official Grand Opening on Saturday March 1st, will mark the occasion. As always, a most important aspect of the club is the work of volunteers. If you are reading this and want to get involved, come along and say goodbye. Training nights are currently each Monday and Wednesday from 6pm. Go Dingoies in 2025"

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It was a great idea and hopefully something we can partner with you again, in the lead up to Christmas 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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Retirement – When “I Do” becomes “I Don’t”

Divorce can be one of life’s most stressful events, and for Australians over 50, it often comes with added financial challenges—especially when it comes to retirement. Many people expect to retire comfortably after decades of work, but divorce can disrupt these plans, reducing savings and creating new financial pressures. If you’re going through a separation or have recently divorced, it’s important to understand how it might impact your retirement and what steps you can take to secure your financial future.

How Divorce Affects Retirement Savings

1. Splitting Superannuation

In Australia, superannuation (super) is considered part of the property settlement in a divorce. This means it can be divided between both partners, even if only one spouse contributed to it. The court may decide how the super is split, or you and your ex-partner can agree on a division. For many people over 50, super is a significant part of their retirement plan. Losing a portion of it can mean delaying retirement, reducing lifestyle expectations, or working longer to rebuild savings.

2. Reduced Household Wealth

Divorce often results in selling the family home and dividing assets. This can be financially disruptive, particularly if you were planning to downsize later in life and use the extra money to fund your retirement. Living alone also means covering all household expenses—mortgage or rent, utilities, and groceries—on a single income. This can drain savings faster than expected.

Changes to Retirement Plans

1. Delayed Retirement

Many divorced Australians over 50 work for longer than planned to rebuild their retirement savings. The Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA) estimates that a single person needs around \$50,000 per year for a comfortable retirement. Without careful planning, divorce can significantly impact whether this goal is achievable.

2. Need for Extra Income

Some retirees take on part-time work or start small businesses to supplement their super and savings after divorce. Others may consider renting out part of their home or look into government assistance such as the Age Pension to help cover living costs.

3. Downsizing or Moving

Selling a larger home and moving to a more affordable property is a common strategy to free up funds for retirement. However, the emotional attachment to the family home can make this a difficult decision.

Protecting Your Financial Future After Divorce

If you’re over 50 and facing divorce, taking action early can help secure your retirement. Here are some key steps:

1. Get Professional Advice

Speaking with a Financial Adviser and a family Lawyer can help you understand your entitlements, options, and how to best manage your assets.

2. Review Your Superannuation

- Check how much super you have and what will happen if it’s split.
- Consider making extra contributions to rebuild your balance.
- If eligible, see if you can claim the government co-contribution to boost your super savings.

3. Update Your Will & Insurance

- Divorce means your financial situation changes, so it’s important to:
 - Update your will and beneficiaries on super and insurance policies.
 - Review any life insurance or income protection plans.

4. Reassess Your Budget

- List all new expenses and adjust your spending and savings goals.
- Avoid rushing into major financial decisions while emotions are high.
- Consider seeing a financial counsellor for guidance.

5. Explore Government Support

- If your savings are lower than expected, you may be eligible for:
 - The Age Pension or other government assistance.
 - Lower-cost housing options, such as over-50s retirement villages.

Final Thoughts

Divorce can create uncertainty about retirement, but with careful planning, it’s possible to rebuild financial stability. While it may mean adjusting your expectations, taking proactive steps—like seeking financial advice, reassessing your budget, and making informed decisions about your assets—can help you regain control and look forward to a secure retirement. If you’re facing divorce and concerned about your financial future, start planning today. The earlier you take action, the better prepared you’ll be for the years ahead.



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The following article, written by local long term resident Warren Duncan, was published in The Age Newspaper on the 27/01/2025 and is reprinted in the Dingley Dossier with the kind permission of the Age Newspaper.

My suburb has the best of all worlds. For years, there was a whiff of discontent

January 27, 2025 — 7.00pm



Warren Duncan

"We've always been a village, even when we weren't officially called one." I have often heard that expression since my family and I moved here. Big changes are in the wind, though.

Officially, we became a village in 1991, after a community campaign persuaded the Place Names Committee that Dingley didn't just imagine itself as "a small community in a rural town", but could claim to be one, separated as it was from the rest of Melbourne by market gardens and four golf courses. As the campaigners put it, we were simply "putting the village back in Dingley."

Dingley Village, or DV as I like to call it sometimes, isn't big, it never was. Just over 10,000 people live here. In 1856, when farmers named it after Dingley, Northamptonshire, it was on Melbourne's south-east outskirts. But even as the city has grown around it, it has retained that country feel with market gardens and old farm buildings on the village fringe. It is a welcome retreat from the organised chaos of Melbourne, which was part of the reason our family moved here in 1987.

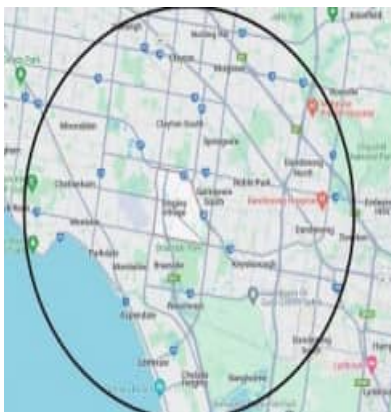
The appeal of that community with great facilities hasn't subsided. People are keen to join us here; in recent years, the population that largely had English, Irish and Scottish ancestry has been joined by increasing numbers of Asian Australians.

Our village is mostly self-contained. We have good restaurants, sports facilities, places for worship, three great primary schools (the Dingley Primary School had its 100th anniversary last year) and excellent community services, including the new Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, a new library and Anzac memorial – a striking sculpture inspired by the rising sun badge – all on Marcus Road.

To me, the location is a big plus. We are in a prime position if we decide to enjoy the beach (20 minutes), or the hills (30 minutes) or to find a fast route to the Peninsula (five minutes). The longer we have lived in the village, the more we have come to understand its community spirit and the friendly nature of the locals. Our first visit to the area made a big impression.

We came to visit a huge fern market – now a relatively new housing estate – and felt the spread-out nature of the place, with spacious market gardens all around leading us to a wide, open streetscape.

At that time, we lived in a suburb enclosed by others.



We didn't know about the monthly Dingley market until we moved here. What is now a farmer's market offers fruit and vegetables, cakes, meals and crafts, and the added opportunity of grabbing a coffee and having a natter with locals.

The pioneer-built Christ Church is another reminder of the past. Early English Gothic in style and "one of the most picturesque churches in suburban Melbourne", according to Heritage Victoria, it proudly looks down Centre Dandenong Road, through the heart of the village. A small retail strip sits in its middle, and while the shops there seem to satisfy most of our needs, it would be nice to see more of the vacant signs on storefronts removed.



It hasn't all been a walk on the bright side. Major new roads built around us, such as the Mornington Peninsula Freeway and the Westall Road extension, have brought the noise of cars, motorcycles and trucks to some villagers, just as the drone of light planes to and from Moorabbin Airport can test others. I haven't mentioned the rubbish tips yet, have I? Well, they are no longer around, but we lived with them for quite a while. The smell was challenging, especially on warmer days. The tips have gone now, overlaid by new parks, a home for walkers, ducks and friends.

If we want a walk on the nature side, we often go to nearby Braeside Park, a 310-hectare gem. Walks, cycle paths, a waterbird hide, small lakes for ibis and ducks, a playground, picnic areas. It's where Phar Lap was trained, and there's even a cattle farm sidling right up against it.

Quiet residential streets were a welcome feature of life in the village, but new major roads have led to a growth in traffic and overhasty drivers. A permanent limit of 40km/h would make sense at our small retail strip. The Hawthorn Football Club is establishing a new headquarters in our area, the Kennedy Centre, which is expected to bring even more visitors to our village. The redevelopment of the former Kingswood Golf Course – which sold to developers in March 2024 for about \$215 million – into a housing estate with about 800 houses is expected to bring another 2000 new residents.

Dingley Village is a bayside suburb that isn't quite on the water, but it turns out the water is coming to us. After years of planning, a massive 3.8-hectare aquatic park with wave pools – the biggest of its kind in the southern hemisphere – is due to be built within the next couple of years.



A render of a proposed water park

Our suburb may be small, but prominent villagers have included the rock group Jet, who started out playing at local fetes, golfer Bob Shearer and journalist Marcus Clarke, famed for reporting on Melbourne's slums and writing the Australian classic, For the Term of His Natural Life.

The impact the new developments will have on our lives remains unclear, but one aspect isn't. A large recent community meeting revealed a commitment by all to work together to maintain all the benefits of a special, friendly and supportive environment.

CIRCLING THE CLUBS



Country Women's Association Dingley Village



"All women, all ages, all places. grow, connect, improve."

CWA Dingley Village is not all about raising money. Our Dingley Village branch is always ready to take on a challenge! We recently reached out to a family violence and housing support service, to offer our help.

After meeting with their CEO who attended one of our monthly meetings and gave us an overview of their work and outlined their focus upon both immediate and longer term support for their women and children affected by family violence.

They told us of their need for knitted/crocheted children's toys and blankets for families affected by domestic violence. Our members wasted no time in getting to work, knitting and crocheting with dedication.

The goal was to hand over these items by the end of October. Support that we provided included knitted toys and blankets, with a personal note written for the recipient. In true CWA fashion, our members met the challenge head on and at the handover, the Support team were surprised at the quality and quantity of our donation and a huge thank you was extended to CWA Dingley Branch.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sue on **0434 879 875**.

Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Our gatherings adjacent to the Sports Bar of the Dingley International Hotel are being held only on the 2nd Thursday of the month so the next one will be on the 13th of March and the April one is on the 10th. Starting time is 7.00 PM and meals and snacks are available if you want to make a night of it. Of course you have the usual wide choice of beverages being dispensed for your indulgence.

Our regular dinner is held on the last Saturday of the month and the March one will be on the 29th.

Advice of future activities and venues are made at the Thursday gatherings and to facilitate bookings you can indicate which particular events you wish to attend. A number of 60 Plusers were entertained by Lone Star at the Keysborough Seniors Club in late February.

Our activities are suitable for those in the 60 plus age group and provide an opportunity to socialise with your peers. Events can be proposed by members and those interested can get on board.

Moving into 2025 we are yet to see any new faces so don't be shy as we are more than happy to welcome new members to the Group. Enquiries can be made to Graeme on **9551 3462**.

PS - The weather is fine so roll up roll up!

Probus Club Dingley Central



At our February Meeting the club celebrated their 34th birthday. Our guest speaker David Kaffey a professional magician entertained us with one of his unique performances, ably assisted by willing participants from the audience. Prior to his arrival in Australia, David spent 3 years working for BBC TV on the Michael Parkinson show. During that time David won the International Golden hands award. His presentation provided us with many laughs, and was enjoyed by all.

Activities planned for March: MTC, Happy Hour, Legs and Morning Coffee, Wine Tasting, iPad Group, Camera Club, Morning Melodie's, Dine Out, Men's Lunch, 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 Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

The Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Inc welcomes new members to join their weekly meetings every Monday from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Mark your calendars for March, as we have some fantastic activities lined up for you:

- **3rd** Games, Cards, and Dominoes:
- **10th** Labor Day, Public Holiday
- **17th** Games, Cards, and Dominoes
- **24th** Bingo
- **31st** Trivia Quiz, Prize and contributory lunch

For more information, feel free to reach out to our President, Margaret, at **9580 4321**, or our Secretary, Asha, at **0417105646**

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 and the following activities are available for members and visitors:

Tuesdays - Bingo on the 1st, 2nd and 4th of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry and \$1.50 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.

Future entertainment:

18 March: Gavin Chattellier
15 April: Col Perkins,
29 April: Jennifer Lee
Club membership for F/Y 24/25 is \$10.00.
Contact is Julie on 0428 561 694.



Spring Park YWCA Golf Club



A friendly welcoming group of ladies of varying standards meet at 7.45am for an 8.00am start on Monday mornings at Dingley's Spring Park Golf Course. Cup of tea & biscuit is shared after the round.

We play 9 holes & provide an excellent starting point for those who have completed golf lessons & are ready to hit the fairways.

Further information: Jillian Sanders 0419 501 365 (Captain), Julie Westcott 0438 269 622. (President), Jan Boyes 0497 096 377 (Secretary)

Kingston Communicators Toastmasters Club

Here you get to gain valuable skills in Effective Communication & Leadership at all our meetings. Join us at a club meeting as a guest! We meet each 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday of the month from 7:15 pm for a 7:30pm start at Mentone Activity Hub, 29 Venice Street, Mentone, VIC, 3194

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Senior Pastor: Dan Parker

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

Alpha 2025

Are you searching for a safe and honest place to explore deeper issues around life, faith and meaning? Are you interested in exploring the Christian faith? If so, have you considered doing Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions filmed all over the globe and feature interviews with world-famous leaders, inspiring stories and street talks with every-day people. Each episode deals with a topic of faith and includes plenty of time for open discussion.

At Kingston City Church, we are running Alpha every Tuesday night 7-9pm from 22nd April until 24th June and you are welcome to join us. The 10-week course is open for all people over the age of 18 years and is free to attend. We begin the night with a chef catered meal, watch a video specific to that week and then discuss what we watched in our small group session.

There is no obligation to talk, no question is off limits and there is no judgement. There is also no obligation to continue if you decide not to. Registration is essential for catering and group purposes, so please email: admin@crm.org.au for further details. Another alternative if you would like more information is to attend a 10am Sunday service and talk to one of our Alpha team afterwards.

We hope that you can join us for Alpha 2025. The KCC Alpha Team.

Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church



Cnr. Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton. Sunday services at 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion second Sunday of the month at 10.00 a.m.

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

Our Vision and our Mission

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

What's On

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

Know Your Bible 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

An interdenominational study of the Bible for women. For further information contact Kaye **0412 715 363**.

Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month

Unleash the Music in You – 7.30 p.m. at the Church. For further information contact Bob Lorraine on **0418 998 714**

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 & Malcolm Crouch
Church Office: **8712 8254**
or admin@villagechurch.org.au

Visit our website: www.villagechurch.org.au

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

Sunday Morning 10am Worship Service

In person or can watch livestream on our webpage.

The church service includes:

- Bible teaching through expository preaching.
- Pastor Rodney Hole is currently preaching through the book of Hebrews.
- Communion is held 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- 4years old)
- Tea and coffee are served after the service.

No church service Sunday 30th March 2025 due to our church family camp

Life Groups

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

Ladies Bible Study

Meets regularly to work through an entire book of the Bible, alternating between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Previously studied are the books of Ruth, Philippians, Genesis and James and a video teaching series on "War of Words" by Paul Tripp based on his book. We are currently studying through the book of Daniel and Martha Peace's "The Excellent Wife".

Men of Faith

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

Village Church Youth Group (Years 7 –12)

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

Street Ministry

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

Marriage and Family Support

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

Christ Church - Anglican Church Dingley Village



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

Special Events

Monthly Men's Breakfast:
8-9am, McDonalds Braeside
Guest speaker, a la carte menu.
Rom 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."NKJ.
Next Breakfast: Sat 15th March.

Ladies' Fellowship & Afternoon Tea: 2-4:30pm, Christ Church Dingley
Guest speaker: tips to protect yourself from being scammed - Cost: \$5
RSVP: Thursday 13th March
email admin@ccd.org.au or call **9551 7871**

Sunday Services

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

Next Combined Service: Sun 2nd March at 10am.

Life Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

Youth Group Saturday

Lots of fun and engaging activities for ages 11 to 17 years. Drop off 6:30 pm, pick up 9 pm (sign-in essential) Please contact our office for details.

**Pleasant Tuesday Service
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Prayer Ministry

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Senior Minister: Rev. Richard Loh

Parish Office: 03 9551 7871

Email: admin@ccd.org.au

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Email: Springvale@cam.org.au

Website for further information:

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- Sundays, 9.30am
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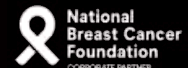
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