



# THE DINGLEY DOSSIER

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## MISINFORMATION & DISINFORMATION

Misinformation is false information that is spread due to ignorance, or by error or mistake, without the intent to deceive.

Disinformation is knowingly false information designed to deliberately mislead and influence public opinion or obscure the truth for malicious or deceptive purposes. In this article the term misinformation will cover both terms.

Misinformation is a significant issue in Australia, with 72% of adult digital platform users reporting exposure to it in early 2025. Concerns revolve around its impact on social cohesion, democratic processes, and public safety, particularly regarding health and natural disasters.

A recent survey of 3,510 Australians shows more than four in five adults use social media daily and three in four believe the online spread of misinformation is an issue that needs to be addressed. But fewer than four in ten adults in Australia say they are confident about their ability to check if information they find online is true.

And it's not only adults who struggle with this. Just one-third of Australian children aged 8-16 are confident they can identify false or misleading information online.

### How disinformation and misinformation spreads online

Disinformation and misinformation is commonly spread through:

- false or deceptive information shared on social media
- made-up news articles of breaking or significant events

- scam advertisements (including using celebrities or figures of authority).

With an endless amount of information from different sources online, it can be difficult to know who or what to believe. It may not be clear where the information came from, who wrote it, or when it was produced. When we share something online, we don't always stop to think whether it is true or trustworthy.

### Tips to spot disinformation and misinformation

#### Did a post spark anger, disgust or fear?

If something you see online causes intense feelings - especially if that emotion is outrage - that should be a red flag not to share it, at least not right away.

#### Is it hard to believe?

What you read may make some extraordinary claim - like the pope endorsing a U.S. presidential candidate when he has never endorsed a candidate before.

#### Did it confirm what you already thought?

If you're reading something that matches so well with what you had already thought, you might be inclined to say "Yep, that's true" and share it widely. We are strongly motivated to confirm what we already believe and avoid unpleasant feelings associated with challenges to our beliefs - especially strongly held beliefs.

#### What's the source?

Does the information come from a credible website or a verified account? Check if other credible sources are covering the story.



### Who said it?

It may be surprising, but politicians and other public figures don't always tell the truth. It may be accurate that a particular person said a particular sentence, but that doesn't mean the sentence is correct.

### Have you checked the facts?

There are many fact-checking organizations, it doesn't take long to click over to one of those sites and take a look.

[www.aap.com.au/factcheck/](http://www.aap.com.au/factcheck/)  
[www.factcheck.afp.com/AFP-Australia](http://www.factcheck.afp.com/AFP-Australia)  
[www.guides.slv.vic.gov.au/misinformation/theweb](http://www.guides.slv.vic.gov.au/misinformation/theweb)

But it can take a very long time to undo the harm of sharing misinformation, which can reduce people's ability to trust evidence and their fellow humans. To protect yourself - and those in your social and professional networks - be vigilant. Don't share anything unless you're sure it's true.

Information in this article provided by Australian Communication and Media Authority [www.acma.gov.au/online-disinformation-and-misinformation](http://www.acma.gov.au/online-disinformation-and-misinformation)

## FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH | 8:30AM - 1:00PM



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

# WHAT'S ON AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE?

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:**  
dvncasecretary@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, 9am &  
Wed 12.30pm in the Harold Box Hall \$3.00  
per session. New members Welcome. No  
need to book just come along.



### Pilates

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

### Knit, Craft & Natter with Marlene

Have a knitting or any other craft project lying  
around or want to learn how to knit. Thursdays  
10am -12pm in DVNC meeting room 4 & 5.  
Free Class, no need to book, just come along.

### Chatty Café with Sue & Jo

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



### Collection Point

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

### Taekwondo with David

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

## Lexington Gardens Market: Friday 6th March 10am – 1pm

Over 20 stall selling homemade/handmade arts and crafts, jewellery, toys, gifts and much more. Cash Sales only. Village Cafe open during market with 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. FREE ENTRY & FREE PARKING.



## Kingston Youth Strategy Survey

The City of Kingston is calling on the community to help shape a new Youth Strategy that will guide how they support young people into the future. Please complete the community survey at [www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/kingston-youth-strategy-2027](http://www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/kingston-youth-strategy-2027)

Seven (7) \$100 Visa gift cards will be awarded and entries close 5pm on Thursday 2 April 2026. See Our council article for more information

## Crazy Sock Day

It's coming, it's coming, Crazy Sock Day is coming. Make a Difference Dingley Village (MADDV) will be holding Crazy Sock Day on Wednesday May 6th so time to look for your crazy socks. For details contact MADDV on 9551 1799 or [admin@maddv.com.au](mailto:admin@maddv.com.au)



Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre is now on



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



## Special Dates in March

### 1st – 31st March: World's Greatest Shave

About 170,000 Australians are currently facing blood cancer, and 17 lose their life every day. We need to act, and we need to do it now. By shaving, cutting, or colouring your hair, you have the power to make a real difference in the lives of Australians facing blood cancer.

### 20th – 26th March: Harmony Week

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's all about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone with Harmony Day celebrated on 21st March.

### 29th March – 4th April: Holy Week Christianity

Holy week is the last week before Easter. It begins with Palm Sunday (entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem) and includes Maundy Thursday (Last Supper), Good Friday (Crucifixion) and Easter Saturday (final day of Christ's death).

### 3rd March: Purim \* Judaism

Purim is a joyous festival, recalling the saving of the Jewish people living in Persia by the courage of a young Jewish woman, Queen Esther.



### 3rd March: Magha Puja Day \*\* Buddhism

Magha Puja Day commemorates the Buddha's teachings to a spontaneous gathering of 1250 holy men (arahants). Also known as 'Great Assembly Day' or 'Sangha Day'.

### 4th March: Holi \*\* Hinduism

Holi is a joyous Hindu festival also called the Festival of Colours, celebrating spring, fertility, and the victory of good over evil. Bonfires are lit and people throw coloured water, powder and dyes in celebration.



### 8th March: International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognised for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.

### 19th March: Close the Gap Day

Did you know Indigenous Australians are twice as likely as other Australians to have a severe disability? National Close the Gap Day is an annual awareness event that aims to close the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

### 20th March: Eid ul Fitr \* (\*\*\*) Islam

Eid ul Fitr is a celebration marking the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. It is a time when families and friends get together, and a time for giving gifts to the poor. Also known as the festival of the 'Breaking of the Fast'.



\* 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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**DATE: WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 TIME: 10am - 12.30pm**  
**VENUE: HAROLD BOX HALL – 31C MARCUS RD DINGLEY VILLAGE**

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### Dingley Village Police Update

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

neighbourhoodwatchkingston www.nhw.com.au



## NOT SURE WHO TO CALL?

**TRIPLE ZERO - 000**

FOR EMERGENCIES OR LIFE THREATENING SITUATIONS

**POLICE ASSISTANCE - 131 444**

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A CRIME

**CRIME STOPPERS - 1800 333 000**

TO REPORT CRIME INFORMATION

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

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Dingley Village Community Hub

31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village

Email: lvcc@dvnc.com.au

**Our caring, nurturing staff invite you to check out our new modern Childrens' Centre**

## The Dingley Village Community Association

DVCA reconvened in February and were delighted to discuss plenty of opportunities in Dingley Village over summer - with the successful Open Days of Dingley Tennis Club and Hawthorn's new Kennedy Community Centre, cricket finals, markets and, of course, the return to the primary schools and many programs at the Neighbourhood Centre and elsewhere.

Congratulations, and many thanks, go to DVCA member Paula McLean on being recently awarded our fifth-ever life membership! Paula was the DVCA Treasurer for many years and still contributes greatly to our committee and Dingley Village community.

There will be some much needed (but temporarily disruptive) works on Tootal Rd in the second half of 2026, as water tanks are placed under ground. The road will be reduced to one lane while this happens, but will be much better for it once finished.

DVCA continues to push for improvements to the Centre Dandenong Rd streetscape, first raised in 2023. The extension of the Woolworths zebra crossing is a simple yet long overdue element - and we encourage residents to join us in demanding its completion before something horrible happens at those confusing carpark entry points. We are told things are happening in the background but need this expedited.

Our Caruana Ward councillor Caroline White has taken leave from council until 6 May following a controversial council meeting recently. DVCA retains a good relationship with Cr White, who pledges to keep working on the Kingswood issue. DVCA has other points of contact with Council that we will use on other issues in the meantime.

The Former Kingswood Golf Course Development Plan remains a hot topic, with residents, groups, the council and local members all opposed, but the Victorian Planning Minister having approved it.

There are many angles from which to attack this problem, and DVCA is petitioning on the grounds of over density and the ensuing impact on our limited infrastructure. We cannot see why the plan can't be altered to reduce the number of lots and retain more greenery to suit our village setting. We call on the Planning Minister to put balance and quality of life for Victorians over maximum numbers.

### 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.

**Dingley Village**

**FARMERS' MARKET**

**SAT 21st MARCH**  
**8.30 am - 1 pm**

**Reserve, 31 Marcus Rd**

Fruits, Vegetables, Live Music  
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Preserves, Hot food & coffee  
Spirits and more Community Stalls

**Free Entry - Free Parking**

[www.dvnc.com.au/farmersmarket](http://www.dvnc.com.au/farmersmarket)

### 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](mailto: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. located at 31b Marcus Rd., our next meeting is on the 10th March.

The DVCA is always looking for interested residents to join the association and help further the various issues for the improvement of Dingley Village.

The 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](mailto:dvcasecretary@gmail.com).

*Rosemary Clooney*

The Ultimate Crooner Show

Join Rosie for all the Crooner classics of the 50's

Doris Day, Mitch Miller, Irving Berlin, Bing Crosby and more

Date: 27th March  
Time: 12.30 pm  
Location: Aspendale Gardens Community Centre

Book: [trybooking.com/DILOJ](http://trybooking.com/DILOJ)

Tickets  
Concession: \$25  
Adult: \$35

*Little Trees Productions*

# OUR COUNCIL

## Help shape Kingston's new Youth Strategy



The City of Kingston is calling on the community to help shape a new Youth Strategy that will guide how we support young people into the future. This is the first stage of consultation, and it's all about listening — to young people, families, schools, service providers and anyone who cares about ensuring young people in Kingston feel supported, included and confident.

The Youth Strategy will help set priorities for Kingston Youth Services, including future programs, services, advocacy and opportunities. Mayor Georgina Oxley said Council is committed to ensuring young people have a strong voice in decisions that affect them.

"Young people are a huge part of our community, and we know that supporting wellbeing means more than just the basics. Their ideas, experiences and hopes for the future are vital," Cr Oxley said. "Council plays a key role in connecting people to social, educational, cultural, health and leisure opportunities that help them feel supported, included and confident about their future. "This consultation is our opportunity to hear directly from the community about what's working, what's missing and how Council can best support, empower and advocate for young people across Kingston."

Community members can share their ideas by completing an online survey, with everyone who participates going into the draw to win one of seven \$100 Visa gift cards. "This is a chance for young people and those who support them to help shape what comes next," Cr Oxley said. "We'd love as many people as possible to get involved."

To find out more and have your say, visit [yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/kingston-youth-strategy-2027](http://yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/kingston-youth-strategy-2027).

### Cr Caroline White: Caruana Ward

Cr White is currently on leave from the City of Kingston Council until 4 May 2026. Dingley Village residents who wish to contact a local councillor can speak to the Mayor, Cr Georgina Oxley on 0429 222 504 or email [georgina.oxley@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:georgina.oxley@kingston.vic.gov.au)

### Mentone Activity Centre

The Victorian Government will soon be consulting with the community on the future of the Mentone Activity Centre, as part of its Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program. This stage of consultation will invite feedback on their draft plans, including proposed building heights and boundaries. Consultation is expected to open within the next week, and we'll keep the community informed once it's live.

The Victorian Government is also establishing a Community Reference Group. You can register your interest in joining here [engage.vic.gov.au/activity-centres-program-stage-two](http://engage.vic.gov.au/activity-centres-program-stage-two)

While this is not a Council-led project, we encourage residents, businesses and visitors to share their views directly with the State Government to help shape the future of Mentone. Council will also make a submission once the draft plans are available.

*Information in this article provided by City of Kingston*

# CR CAROLINE WHITE

## Statement from Cr Caroline White

**Please note** - I do not speak on behalf of Kingston City Council, opinions are my own.

Residents, the fight goes on. A Current Affair, The Australian, Dandenong Star Journal et al.

Nothing short of fully exposing what has really gone - Labor HQ, Melbourne Water and our local Council.

Building on a flood plain, setting young families up for financial heartache and destroying our wonderful village. It isn't okay. Anthony Albanese agrees. The Prime Minister said unequivocally in 2022, "Stop development on flood plains".

Is it okay for Sonya Kilkenny to be both the Labor Planning Minister and the boss of the head of VCAT? For Sonya Kilkenny to be both judge and jury? It fails any pub test. Even in Victoria.

Melbourne Water are holding out on sharing information. We call on Greg Wilson, Chairman of Melbourne Water and a close associate of Dan Andrews and Jacinta Allan, to cough up its flood analysis and report on Satterley's development plans recently approved by the Planning Minister.

Please sign the Parliamentary petition for your voice to be heard in Parliament in the coming weeks.

There are copies available at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. We are close to achieving the required target of 2,000 signatures. Meanwhile we will continue to publicly expose the truth. Corruption, it impacts all of us. Forever more.



If you need me any time prior to May 4 2026, please reach out via my website [votecaroline.com](http://votecaroline.com).

Thank you for your continued support - Caroline White

# LOOKING AT LOANS



## How Much Can You Borrow?

"How much can I borrow?" is a standard question for many prospective residential property purchasers.

The starting point should be what repayments can you afford to make? Banks do not willingly issue loans to clients who cannot afford to repay them, they are under regulatory pressure to lend responsibly, but you should always check your own numbers as well!

The bank term 'loan serviceability' refers to their test which largely determines your borrowing capacity. It is important to note that every bank has different rules and parameters, in fact the same person asking at 20 different banks and financial institutions can receive 20 different answers to how much a bank will lend to them (one advantage of using a broker!).

Every different component of the analysis can vary bank to bank. For example, how long you have worked in your current job matters, even how you earn your income: Base wages, overtime, penalty rates, commission, independent contractor, self-employed, rents, dividends, child maintenance.

The bank 'assessment' interest rates used in their calculations will be higher than the actual interest rate payable. They will add a margin when assessing serviceability, to make allowances for future interest rate rises, they will also assess based on you paying the loan off in its entirety (P&I repayments).

Negative gearing allowances also vary bank to bank, having significant impact where investment loans are evident.

Then you need to consider your actual monthly living expenses. How much of your income do you spend?

Many banks will look at your last 3-month bank statements and credit cards, that should be where you start too.

You may need to stop spending before you apply for that loan.

Credit card limits are important; banks will allocate repayments based on your card limits whether you have them maxed out or not. Personal loan and car loan repayments will severely limit your borrowing capacity.

If you want to buy property, consider the effect that holiday or car may have on your serviceability before you make the purchase! Even more important is your credit record. Pay your bills on time (including that mobile). If you are unsure of your credit record discuss that with your broker.

These multiple variables mean that there are many answers to the "how much can I borrow" question.

A good broker will work through the options with you to provide the best outcome, but remember an assessment is done based on your financial history and position measured at a moment in time. It is to your advantage to prepare for that well in advance.

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@ifafinance.com.au](mailto:loans@ifafinance.com.au), or call us on **03 9511 8883**

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# SAVE KINGSWOOD

## Save Kingswood Group The final countdown.

Thank you, Councillor Caroline White, for your incredible support. Government installed monitors in council - at resident's expense!

The Save Kingswood Group continues to advocate for less dense development on Kingswood, with proper roads and access for service vehicles like Ambulances, Firetrucks and Waste trucks. The existing plan is woefully inadequate in many areas. Developer - Nigel Satterley said in front of witnesses: "The Government encouraged the highest density", and "Bins can go to the nearest street". Kevin Poulter replied: "that would be 68 bins at the end of one lane". Satterley developers own Kingswood from March 2nd. They still have to provide plans for approval, but will the government bypass council as much as possible?

Satterley paid way beyond market value for Kingswood and probably were not told that 96% of Dingley Village residents are against the development. That figure was quoted by AustralianSuper at their display before they on-sold! One of Satterley's first steps is to construct a paling fence around the golf course. So, all Dingley Village residents that were promised endless views forever by real estate agents will have a fence and neighbours along their boundary. If you have plants, take steps to save them, as fencers won't.

Please note the construction of the border fence is mainly not a council matter but a civil matter. Will residents be served a fencing notice as required by law? Will residents be asked to pay for half the fence? Can residents refuse to pay half or even refuse a new fence, as there's an adequate fence already? Unfortunately, residents would have to take it to court to contest.

### Wildlife

There's no evidence that Satterley has an adequate plan for endangered and protected wildlife. Certainly, they will say many trees have no significance or are dead and remove them. Birds rely on all trees including hollow trunks in dead trees as their home. Please write to Satterley about this. Also, the golf course had a high concentration of snakes, so ask how residents, their children and pets will be protected during construction. A border resident already had 3 snakes in his yard! Constructing a paling fence is not enough barrier. Snakes travel via tiny gaps or tunnels under, in fright as bulldozers destroy their habitat.

A development in Chelsea resulted in birds flying around aimlessly for weeks, as their homes were destroyed. There are also echidnas (if not already destroyed by "Round Up") and an endangered colony of grey head flying foxes.

### Floods

The developers plan to remove previously effective flood control measures like the Aquifer. This resource was capable of controlling half a billion litres of floods a year.

We have been asking Melbourne Water about flood control measures. After much lobbying, there's very sparse detail. There will be a larger drain constructed along Howard Road to channel some of the floods. But where will the water go? Chadwick Reserve has been waist deep previously and even Lower Dandenong Road flooded. The reason we have not had floods recently is we are in a record dry.

Ask questions about the fencing, flooding, wildlife and any other concerns to Satterley and government. Contact details at [www.kingswood-floods.com](http://www.kingswood-floods.com). You can also contact me at any time. Please let me know if you can research a particular issue like birds.

### Friends and Neighbours

It's been a long road for 13 years and the door is not slammed, but it's hard to change directives from the government.

The Save Kingswood group is also asking if the golf course park and Dingley Village will have adequate drinking water pressure, and services like reliable electricity and sewage. We recently had several local power failures. A Satterley development south of Perth has such poor drinking water pressure, a resident said it takes 40 minutes to fill a bath! If that happens on Kingswood, we all are affected.

A resident near Kingswood was refused insurance due to floods and another had his insurance double. Will units on Kingswood and indeed Dingley Village, be very expensive to insure or insurance cover refused?

There are 50 reasons why development should not take place, -see the first site [www.savedingley.com](http://www.savedingley.com). All politicians of all political parties responsible for our area were against development. The honorable Mark Dreyfus even said there should be no development.

### Never give up.

The very least we can do is request moderation. Eight of their small blocks would fit into one typical Dingley Village block. There is not a single additional service provided. So, there's no way anyone can say the lots are in character or net benefit to Dingley Village.

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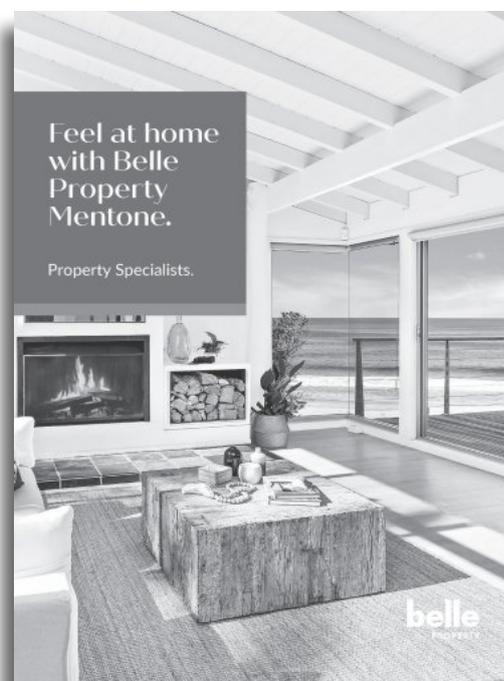
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# KINGSWOOD DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

## Site Works Update Former Kingswood Golf Course

Satterley is continuing early works within the area of the former clubhouse and existing car park. These works form part of the previously advised activity required to install a Sales and Information Centre.

### Current works

- Car park works have commenced, including reconfiguration and resurfacing of the existing pavement.
- Installation of services is underway to enable the operation of the Sales and Information Centre.

### Upcoming activity

- The structure for the Sales and Information Centre is scheduled to be delivered to site in March.
- Landscaping of the immediate area will occur following installation.
- Demolition of the former clubhouse and maintenance sheds is scheduled to commence in March.

These activities represent early site preparation only. They do not form part of the broader redevelopment of the former Golf Course, which remains subject to the relevant planning approvals.

Works are being undertaken during standard construction hours. Traffic management will be in place when required.

For more information, please contact [kingswood.info@satterley.com.au](mailto:kingswood.info@satterley.com.au)

*Information provided by Satterley.*



## PETS

Australia has one of the highest pet ownership rates in the world according to the RSPCA, with over 29 million pets across households in Australia.

In fact, if you don't own a pet, you're actually in the minority! Dogs are undoubtedly most Aussies' favourite pets, with 60% of pet owners enjoying this particular species as their beloved pet. Having such a strong fondness for animals, most Australians (60%) thankfully view their pets as members of the family and enjoy their companionship.

### Why you should adopt.

With more animals being surrendered or abandoned, animal rescue organisations are busier than ever, with many dogs and cats waiting for a home. Adopting or fostering a pet has the benefit of relieving pressure on rescue organisations that have many different types of dogs and cats needing a new family or owner.



Rescue animals are desexed, microchipped, vaccinated, checked by a vet and importantly their characteristics and behaviour are known to the rescue organisation to ensure their new home is the best fit for them and their new owner. Adopting a pet from a reputable rescue organisation is one of the most ethical and cost-effective ways to grow your fur-family.

### It makes a difference.

You'll be giving a second chance to an animal who may not have had the easiest start in life. You are hopefully saving two lives, the animal you adopt and the animal that will now get a place in the shelter.

### If the breed is important.

Sometimes animal breed is important for pet owners, certain breeds work for certain individuals or family dynamics due to their temperament and health conditions (for example, dog owners with allergies often opt for poodles as they don't shed as much dander).



If you still wish to purchase a specific breed of dog, check if breeder is a member of Dogs Victoria or that they are a Dogs Victoria registered Breeder at [www.dogsvictoria.org.au](http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au) Dogs Victoria also provide resources on purchasing a purebred dog. If purchasing a cat from a breeder, check if registered with National or State Cat Associations.

Some Dog Breed Associations/clubs run rescue and rehoming service, for their breed of dog so you can still adopt, plus you can avoid the puppy stage. You can do a google search i.e. French Bulldog rescue Victoria.

In Victoria, the breeding and selling of cats and dogs is regulated under the:

- Domestic Animal Act 1994 (the DA Act)
- Domestic Animal Regulations 2015
- Code of practice for the operation of breeding and rearing businesses 2014 (revision 2018).



Unfortunately, puppy farmers and scammers will use terminology to convince potential purchasers that their operations are legitimate.

Always check out breeders independently from breeder provided links and reviews and check who they are registered with, is it legitimate.

### Settling your new pet

Settling an adopted pet requires patience, creating a calm environment, and establishing a consistent routine to build trust. Limit initial visitors, keep familiar items (bedding/toys) present, and allow the pet to explore at their own pace to reduce anxiety

New owners should follow the "3-3-3 rule"—3 days to decompress, 3 weeks to learn routines, and 3 months to feel at home. A simple online search provides lots of resources and tips for settling your new pet into your home.



## Common plants that are poisonous or dangerous

Common poisonous plants in Australia include Angel's Trumpet, Oleander, Castor Oil Plant, Rhubarb (leaves), and various arum lilies (e.g., Dumb Cane). Native hazards include the Black Bean, Milky Mangrove, and Stinging Trees. These plants cause reactions ranging from skin irritation and severe vomiting to paralysis and death.

### Key culprits to be aware of include:

**Garden Ornamentals:** Oleander (highly toxic), Angel's Trumpet (all parts toxic), Castor Oil Plant, Foxglove, and Cotoneaster berries.

**Indoor/Shade Plants:** Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane), Peace Lily, Philodendron, and Elephant's Ear contain calcium oxalate crystals causing severe mouth/throat pain.

**Native Plants:** Black Bean (Moreton Bay chestnut) (seeds), Stinging Trees (Gympie Gympie), and Milky Mangrove.

**Bulbs & Shrubs:** Daffodils, Jonquils, Hyacinth, and Azaleas.

**Berries/Fruits:** White Cedar (Melia azedarach), Jerusalem Cherry, and Cape Lilac.

### Plants Dangerous to Eat/Inject (Poisonous)

**Oleander (Nerium oleander and Cascabela thevetia):** Every part of this extremely common hedge plant—including the flowers, seeds, and sap—is highly toxic. Ingestion can lead to an irregular heartbeat, seizures, and death.



**White Cedar (Melia azedarach):** A native tree often used for shade. Its yellow, wrinkled berries are particularly dangerous to children, causing nausea, convulsions, and coma.

**Angel's Trumpet (Brugmansia species):** Notable for their large, hanging flowers, every part of this plant is toxic. It contains alkaloids that cause confusion, paralysis, and respiratory distress.



**Bulbs (Daffodil, Clivia, Agapanthus):** Many common spring bulbs can cause severe vomiting or skin irritation. Agapanthus sap is a known skin and mouth irritant.

**Castor Oil Plant (Ricinus communis):** Often grows as a weed; its seeds contain ricin, one of the most potent toxins in nature. Swallowing just a few chewed seeds can be fatal.

**Foxglove (Digitalis purpurea):** Common in cooler regions, these bell-shaped flowers contain chemicals that directly affect the heart.



**Deadly Nightshade (Atropa belladonna):** Though less common in some areas, its sweet-looking black berries are highly toxic to children and can cause hallucinations and heart failure.

### Plants Dangerous to Touch (Irritants)

These species cause severe skin reactions, burns, or physical injury upon contact.

**Stinging Trees (Dendrocnide species, e.g., Gympie-Gympie):** Found in rainforest gardens or bushland, these plants have tiny hairs that deliver a "searing" pain that can last for months.



**Euphorbia (Spurge):** This large group includes Poinsettias and the Pencil Tree. They contain a milky sap that causes severe skin inflammation and can cause temporary blindness if it gets in the eyes.

**Rhus Tree (Toxicodendron succedaneum):** Often planted for its autumn colour, contact with this tree frequently triggers severe allergic dermatitis, blistering and intense itching.



**Yucca and Cacti:** These are physically dangerous due to sharp, sword-like leaves or spines that can cause deep puncture wounds or eye injuries.

### What to Do if Poisoned

If you suspect someone has ingested a poisonous plant, contact the Poisons Information Centre immediately at **13 11 26** (Australia-wide).



Further information

[www.anbg.gov.au/poison-plants/index.html](http://www.anbg.gov.au/poison-plants/index.html)

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Light refreshments including tea, coffee and soft drinks.

**Date:** Sunday 15th March, 2026  
**Time:** 12pm to 2pm  
**Venue:** Nursery

Entry from Braeside Business Park, Parkway use the Freeway underpass.

### Free BBQ from 12pm

Ongoing activities include, pricking out seedling plants, friends information displays and native animal display.

### Friends of Braeside Park — When the Cattle Arrived

Braeside Park was once part of a large wetland system that supported wildlife and helped cool the landscape.

In the early 1830s, Europeans arrived with cattle and began grazing the Carrum Swamp. To make pasture usable, water was drained and channels were cut. This marked the start of permanent change. Ironically, cattle still graze parts of the park today to control grasses first introduced by settlers.

Although Braeside now looks dry, the land still behaves like a wetland. Water collects in low areas, trees struggle in compacted soils, and birds, frogs and insects depend on stormwater from nearby suburbs to survive.

We've seen this before. When the Millenium drought broke in 2010, water quickly returned to old pathways. The Park was flooded with knee high water levels.

The **geography lesson is simple**: landscapes remember their past. For future development, the message is clear — build with nature, protect wetlands, respect water flows, and plan for heat and floods. When we ignore the land, communities pay later.

This will be depicted on the wooden panels along the Cypress Drive, Braeside Park celebrating Phar Lap and the Park's history on the first of August 2026.

The Dingley Village Historical Association is assisting the Friends of Braeside Park to write the history of the area in the seven panels, and the Dingley Village Men's Shed will paint some of the panels.

It takes a village to build a community. Judith Sise



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## Whooping cough cases are at their highest level in 35 years – so why the surge?

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Australia is battling its biggest rise in whooping cough cases in 35 years. During 2024 and 2025 Australia recorded 82,513 whooping cough cases – the highest number since monitoring began in 1991.

Also known as pertussis or the “100-day cough”, whooping cough is a potentially fatal respiratory illness which causes severe coughing episodes. It spreads from one person to another and is particularly deadly among infants.

So why the surge? And how can you protect yourself and your loved ones?

#### What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough is a respiratory infection caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*. Transmission occurs through close contact with infected people such as via coughing and sneezing.

Early symptoms include runny nose or sore throat. This is called the “catarrhal phase” and can look similar to a common cold. A persistent cough comes next and typically lasts between six and ten weeks. This leads to intense bouts of coughing, with babies and children often making high-pitched “whoop” sounds when they breathe in. This is where the term “whooping cough” comes from.

Whooping cough can be very severe in newborn babies and infants. About one in 125 babies with whooping cough aged below six months dies from pneumonia or brain damage.

Household contacts and carers often pass the illness onto infants, with parents the source of infection in more than 50% of cases. Infants can also pick up an infection from siblings and health-care workers.

Complications in older children and adults include interrupted sleep and pneumonia, a lung infection which can require hospitalisation. Patients can even sustain rib fractures from coughing so hard.

Antibiotics, when given early, can stop disease progression. However, after the cough is established, which is when most people realise they are infected, antibiotics have little effect on the disease’s progression.

#### But there’s a vaccine for it?

Yes. The whooping cough vaccine is given as a combination vaccine with diphtheria and tetanus. In Australia, this vaccine is part of routine infant and childhood immunisation schedules. A booster dose is also given to Year 7 students. Pregnant women are advised to vaccinate every pregnancy to boost the production and transfer of antibodies to their unborn baby. This also helps protect infants who are too young to be immunised. A 2025 study from Denmark found vaccination during pregnancy to be 72% effective against laboratory confirmed whooping cough.

Although infants are most vulnerable to whooping cough, it can cause infection across all ages and put a large strain on the health-care system, especially for adults aged over 50. To protect themselves and limit spread of the disease, adults should get vaccinated every ten years.

Australia’s national vaccine regulator checks the safety of whooping cough vaccines each year. Ongoing monitoring over many years shows these vaccines are safe and continue to protect people of all ages. But low immunisation rates among children and adolescents remain a concern, with new data showing Australia’s 2024-25 childhood immunisation rate was the lowest in a decade.

Only about one-fifth of adults 50 years and older are up to date with the whooping cough vaccine. This means they have had a booster within the last ten years.

#### Why are there so many cases right now?

Whooping cough is a challenging disease to control because immunity, acquired through immunisation or natural infection, wanes over time. This gives rise to whooping cough epidemics every two to three years. Whooping cough is most commonly diagnosed using PCR testing of a throat swab. This usually involves visiting a GP to get the swab sent to a lab and then waiting for the results. This method has been routinely used since the early 2000s.

In 2024, 57,257 whooping cough cases were detected in Australia. This included a case where a child with an antibiotic-resistant infection required intensive care support. This represents the highest notification rate since records began in 1991. And it reflects a true increase in the prevalence, as well as awareness and testing, of whooping cough. The 2024 surge in cases was likely due, at least in part, to COVID public health restrictions which disrupted the usual epidemic cycle.

During this time, many children didn’t get the normal immune “boost” after being vaccinated and exposed to the bacteria. This left them more vulnerable to infection, particularly when authorities lifted social distancing restrictions.

Whooping cough was also widespread in 2025 with 25,256 cases reported that year. All age groups were affected, but notification rates were highest among school-aged and preschool-aged children.

Unfortunately, whooping cough isn’t going away anytime soon. However, timely vaccination across all ages is vital to curb its spread and protect vulnerable populations.

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## Is Your Child's Vision Ready for School?

Starting school is a big milestone. Parents often think about emotional readiness, social skills, and whether their child can recognise letters or numbers. What's talked about far less is whether a child's vision is ready for learning.

As optometrists, we regularly see children who are intelligent, curious, and eager to learn, but who are quietly struggling because their visual system isn't working as efficiently as it should. The challenge is that children don't usually realise there's a problem. They assume that everyone sees the world the same way they do.

Vision at school is about much more than seeing clearly in the distance. Learning relies heavily on how well the eyes work together, how easily a child can focus up close, how smoothly their eyes move across a page, and how efficiently the brain interprets what the eyes see. A child can appear to have "good eyesight" and still find classroom tasks tiring or frustrating.

When vision difficulties are present, they often show up in subtle ways. A child may avoid reading, drawing, or colouring, struggle to concentrate on near tasks, lose their place when reading, or become easily fatigued during homework.

Some children complain of headaches or sore eyes, while others may rub their eyes frequently, squint, tilt their head, or hold books very close. These behaviours are sometimes mistaken for attention or behavioural issues, when in fact the child may be working much harder than expected just to see clearly and comfortably.

The start of school is a particularly important time because most classroom learning is visual. Reading, writing, copying from the board, recognising shapes, and maintaining attention all depend on efficient vision. Many childhood vision problems don't cause obvious symptoms, and children are very good at adapting, which means difficulties can go unnoticed for years if not properly assessed.

While preschool or school vision screenings are helpful, they are limited. They usually check only basic eyesight and can miss issues related to eye coordination, focusing, visual tracking, and visual development. A comprehensive eye examination with an optometrist looks at the whole visual system, not just whether a child can see letters on a chart.



During a children's eye examination, an optometrist assesses eyesight in an age-appropriate way, checks how well the eyes work together, evaluates focusing ability, examines eye health, and looks at visual skills that are important for learning. This provides a much clearer picture of whether a child's vision is supporting their learning or quietly holding them back.

Early eye care can make a lasting difference. Children who see clearly and comfortably are more likely to enjoy reading, stay engaged in the classroom, and develop confidence in their abilities. When vision issues are identified early, they are often very manageable, and addressing them can prevent unnecessary frustration or learning difficulties later on.

As a general guide, children should have a comprehensive eye examination before starting school, usually around four to five years of age, or earlier if there are concerns or a family history of vision problems. Regular follow-ups can then be tailored to each child's needs.

Making sure your child is visually ready for school is one of the simplest ways to support their learning journey. Clear, comfortable vision doesn't guarantee success at school, but without it, learning can be much harder than it needs to be.

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Academic rigour, journalistic flair

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**A “health emergency”. A “total menace”.  
“Take them away and crush them”.**



E-bikes are in the news for all the wrong reasons. A spate of deaths and injuries linked to e-bike crashes have led to widespread concern. Hundreds of serious injuries have been recorded over the past two years in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. High-speed rideouts across Sydney Harbour Bridge and through golf courses have infuriated authorities.

The vehicles authorities are concerned about aren't really e-bikes at all. They're effectively illegal electric motorbikes, able to accelerate rapidly – some to more than 100 kilometres per hour – and often without the safety standards of a legal motorbike. For years, these vehicles were imported through a loophole allowing them to be used on private land. But once in Australia, most end up on roads, bike paths and public space.

The thrill of these vehicles can be a potent cocktail for young people. Their range and speed give teens more independence before they can legally get a car. That's great. But teens are also generally more likely to take risks and test boundaries, and less likely to comply with rules. Unsurprisingly, injury and death rates among younger e-bike riders are rising given widespread access to cheap, fast, unlicensed vehicles – often by their well-meaning parents.

### How did we get here?

Many people associate e-bikes with parents ferrying kids around on electric cargo bikes, or commuters in business attire zipping to work without raising a sweat. These types of legal vehicles are pedal-assisted and limited to 25km/h.

But the term “e-bike” covers a huge range of vehicles in a booming sector. In 2017, around 9,000 e-bikes were sold across Australia. This year, sales are tipped to be close to 300,000, worth A\$1.3 billion. One reason for the boom: national import standards on high-powered models were loosened in 2021 to reduce red tape at the border. In late 2025, a more stringent import standard was reintroduced.



But because thousands of overpowered vehicles are already here, this won't be an overnight fix.



If we think of non-compliant e-bikes as illegal electric motorcycles, the risks make more sense. Legal motorbikes, whether electric or petrol, are notoriously dangerous. In 2024, 278 riders died, representing 21% of Australia's road fatalities despite being just 4.5% of registered vehicles. This is one reason the licence test and safety requirements for motorbikes are rigorous. By contrast, riders of these electric motorbikes don't sit any test and don't have to register their vehicle.

Australia doesn't collect national statistics on e-bike injuries and deaths. What we do know suggests young, usually male e-bike riders are more likely to be injured. Data from the Netherlands and China indicates e-bike riders are more likely to be injured or die than riders of unpowered bikes. In the United States, e-bike injuries tend to be much more severe, more like motorbike rider injuries than pedal bikes: pelvic fractures, brain injuries, concussion. When pedal bike riders are injured, just 0.3% die. When e-bike riders are injured, the US figure is 11%.

### How are young people getting access?

One way young people have been getting these bikes is as gifts from parents.

Why? Reasons include a lack of knowledge about how fast the bikes can go and the risks they present. E-bikes broadly promise more independence for teens and less driving for parents, a benefit many “chauffeur” parents appreciate. The blanket term “e-bike” can make parents think of the overpowered models as just bicycles with a boost.

The spike in popularity means peer pressure is reportedly a factor. “Rideouts” organised and popularised through social media can draw many riders. On TikTok, these vehicles have become status symbols – “tools of identity and rebellion”.

### Closing Pandora's box?

Coverage in recent months has verged on moral panic. But it's not helpful to think of e-bikes as a threat. The challenge is protecting the excellent uses of e-bikes while weeding out unsafe models. As we have argued, the word “bike” in “e-bike” is misleading. E-bikes should be treated as a separate category to pushbikes.

To help parents and other buyers, we should distinguish between street-legal pedal-assisted e-bikes capped at 25km/h, and illegal electric motorcycles with a throttle and much higher top speeds.

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**What should authorities do?**

To get illegal electric motorbikes off the roads, police would benefit from the ability to test the voltage or top speed of e-bikes, as their UK counterparts do. On the legal front, enforcing the newly adopted standard will be essential – not only at the border, but also at points of sale. But this won't be enough, given riders can overclock legal e-bikes by removing built-in speed restrictions.

Here, authorities could require importers to ensure e-bike software can't be altered without manufacturer authentication. We already have models for this, such as Queensland's anti-tampering laws for regulated vehicles such as heavy freight trucks.

E-bike sellers should be required to display prominent, standardised labels and advise buyers that tampering with speed limiters will void their warranty, insurance and legal road access. It must be clear responsibility falls on the owner and rider.

New laws could be useful to restrict higher-powered e-bikes to adults, while teens aged 13–17 could access lower-powered pedal-assist models, ideally with mandatory training or licensing.

**Real safety requires infrastructure**

E-bikes are here to stay. Even if authorities successfully clamp down on the illegal electric motorbikes, there's much to be done to use these vehicles safely and effectively.

It might make sense for slower e-bikes to be able to access shared paths and bike lanes, while legal higher-powered e-bikes can use roads.



But in most parts of most Australian cities, bike infrastructure is poor. Bike lanes peter out into traffic and gaps are common. Cycling infrastructure has long been grossly underfunded.

If we are to keep everyone safe on roads, trails and bike lanes, it won't be enough just to ban overpowered e-bikes. Safety requires careful laws – and real infrastructure.

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## Thinking of a tutor for your child? 5 things to consider first.

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Many parents may be thinking about getting a tutor for their child. Media reporting estimates one in six Australian students get tutoring at some point in their schooling, to help them catch up, qualify for specific schools or prepare for important exams.



But how should parents approach the task of finding a tutor? Our 2025 research highlighted the lack of national standards for tutor qualifications, safety practices and teaching quality. This means parents often have little guidance on choosing a provider they can trust. Unlike school teachers, anyone can call themselves a "tutor" in Australia.

Here are five considerations to help families make more informed, confident decisions about hiring a tutor.

#### 1. Start with clear goals

Begin by talking to your child to get a shared understanding of what you and they hope tutoring will achieve. Also have a discussion with their classroom or subject teacher who can give advice on the focus, frequency and type of tutoring. For some students, the goal may be improved performance on assessments. For others, the priority might be rebuilding confidence, strengthening maths or literacy skills, or developing an enjoyment of learning.

Then identify two or three measurable goals. This allows parents to monitor progress over time and hold tutors accountable.

Ask your tutor how they might go about achieving these goals to ensure everyone is on the same page.

It is important to review progress after a few months, and check in with the classroom teacher. If goals are not being met, the arrangement should be reconsidered.

Effective tutoring should complement classroom learning and aim to make itself unnecessary over time.

#### 2. Understand your budget and the support you need

Tutoring varies widely in format, cost and purpose. One-to-one sessions can provide targeted support but can be more expensive. Group settings may offer structure, peer motivation and reduced cost. Families should also decide whether they prefer a qualified teacher or whether a university student or specialist tutor with relevant subject expertise can meet their needs.

For example, if your child needs help catching up, a tutor with a teaching qualification who understands the relevant curriculum and teaching methods might be best. If your child needs help with difficult homework questions, a university student may be OK.

Importantly, higher fees do not always guarantee higher quality tutoring. Parents should instead look to try and match up their goals, the tutor's expertise and their household budget.

You also need to consider how many hours you want your child tutored each week. Evidence suggests shorter, high-quality targeted sessions are best.

#### 3. Check safety and qualifications

Because the tutoring industry is sparsely regulated, parents need to make sure tutors are safe and appropriately skilled. At a minimum, families should request a Working With Children Check or equivalent and evidence of relevant qualifications.

Relevant qualifications may include a teaching degree, subject-specific university studies or other credible training, for example, via the Australian Tutoring Association. If your child is in early primary school, you should consider sitting in on the sessions or at least remaining close by.

#### 4. Meet the tutor first

Parents should arrange a preliminary meeting with the tutor or tutoring centre before you commit. This meeting can reveal whether the tutor's communication style, expectations and learning environment are a good fit for the child. Parents should ask how the tutor assesses student needs, aligns instruction with the school curriculum, provides feedback, and handles homework or preparation requirements.

This meeting may also provide an opportunity to determine whether the tutor(s) foster a safe, supportive environment in which the child feels comfortable. A reputable tutor should be happy to engage in these initial conversations free of charge.

#### 5. Be aware of red flags

Red flags could include guarantees of rapid or dramatic results, requests for large up-front payments, or reluctance to explain teaching approaches and qualifications.

Also watch out for tutors who avoid communication with parents or schools, avoid discussing progress, or rely exclusively on worksheets and test drilling. This approach is unlikely to develop your child's understanding.

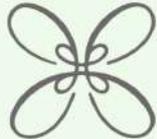
High-quality tutors should be transparent about their methods, welcome questions, and view tutoring as a supportive complement to school learning rather than a replacement.

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SUNDAY 22ND OF MARCH AT 2PM**

The church, affectionately known as “the little white church on the corner”, has been proven through the efforts of one of the members of the church and the Dingley Village Historical Society, to be the oldest building in the City of Kingston.

The original foundation stone was laid in 1861 by Rev Padwick and the church was built free of charge by locals with materials from a Dingley quarry. Unfortunately, the original foundation stone was destroyed during a storm a number of years later.



On the 22nd March we will be having the Mayor, Cr Georgina Oxley, and Mr Meng Heang Tak MP, unveiling a replacement for this stone.

This will be followed by afternoon tea and sausage sizzle. Period dress optional.

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# VILLAGE REFLECTIONS

In 1947, Laurie Barnett spoke with the Springvale Council and persuaded them to buy land for a sports ground. The first step was to acquire the land. Springvale Council bought land in Marcus Road for construction of the reserve.

The subdivisions were 10 acre lots and one lot was purchased from brothers Martin and Bill Lake but this was not enough land to fit an oval with reasonable room around its perimeter. A further 4+ acres were brought from Mrs Owen who owned a poultry farm to the south side of the Lake land. Mrs Owen's portion came from the back of her land on which today is sited the Sports Club rooms.



The Dingley Recreation Reserve Committee was formed by a group of Dingley residents. The committee was steered by Joe Souter (president), Ralph Corrigan (vice president), Alice Harris (secretary) and Tom Souter (treasurer).

A flyer was sent around the district stating that on the 16th of March a committee had been formed to develop Dingley Recreation Reserve. Seventy residents attended the meeting and supported the motion that £1000 (as a minimum) be raised before June 15th.

President of the Progress Association at the time Mr Joe Souter was able to say the objective was achieved and that the Council, then The Shire of Springvale and Dandenong would help with matching grants.

In 1955, the committee accepted a contract from the Dandenong Shire to excavate two thousand cubic yards (approximately one hundred and fifty-three cubic metres) of soil. Residents formed a working bee to develop the ground. Forty men with twenty tractors and one bulldozer levelled the site under the direction of Gus Schmidt, and Joe Souter who had constructed a homemade theodolite. The workers were local market gardeners who used their own tractors for clearing the bracken and scrub.

Over about 6 weekends of working bees the ground was levelled ready to sow seed for the playing surface. Two hills had been levelled and one hollow filled in as well as the drain which ran across the ground where the present fence is. When the construction of the ground was completed, new turf was sown by Alf Holland. The surface was allowed to settle and a team commenced playing in 1959.



*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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## Dingley Superules Football club Over 35s & Over 50s



Dingley Super Rules are looking for players and volunteers for the over 35s & Over 50s 2026 competition. Superules Football provides the opportunity to enjoy competitive matches in a safe and well-structured environment, 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 [dingleysuperulescommittee@gmail.com](mailto:dingleysuperulescommittee@gmail.com) if you would like to join or for further information.

## Country Women's Association Dingley Village



### Scones for a Cause: CWA Dingley Village Steps Up for Bushfire Relief

When disaster strikes, the community spirit in Dingley Village shines brightest. In response to the recent devastating bushfires, the local CWA (Country Women's Association) Dingley Village branch is doing what they do best: rolling up their sleeves and preheating the ovens. The branch has announced a Community Morning Tea with a simple but powerful goal: 100% of the proceeds will be donated directly to the Victorian Bushfire Relief Fund.

For just \$10, guests will be treated to a plate of the CWA's famous scones—baked fresh on-site and served with generous helpings of homemade jam and cream—alongside a selection of delicious homemade slices and a warm cup of tea or coffee. It's a small price to pay for a big impact.

"We wanted to contribute in a way that felt authentic to us," says the branch. "By coming together over a cuppa, we can turn a simple morning tea into significant support for those who have lost so much."

Mark your calendars and bring your appetite! Please note that this is a cash-only event to ensure every cent goes directly to the relief fund.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026  
**TIME:** 10:00 am – 12:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre (Harold Box Hall)  
**COST:** \$10.00 per serve

Whether you're popping in for a quick bite or staying for a chat, your presence helps provide vital assistance to families and communities rebuilding after the fires. Let's show the power of a collective community effort—one scone at a time.

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**.

## Probus Club Dingley Central



At our February meeting the club celebrated their 35th Birthday. Our President Pam welcomed foundation member Marj to the meeting. Following morning tea, we were entertained by The Old Spice Girls Ukelele group. They presented a selection of popular songs and soon all toes were tapping.

Our dine out for the month will be held at the Patterson River Golf Club.

### An array of activities planned for March:

Happy Hour, Legs and Morning Coffee, Wine Tasting, Ipad Group, Camera Club, Morning Melodies, Day Trip Werribee Open Range Zoo, Mens 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](http://dingleycentralprobus.wix.com/dingleycentralprobus)

### 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 March.

We also have a group dinner at various locations on the last Saturday of the month. The last Saturday night dinner was held at a local restaurant and attracted 21 attendees – maybe it was the warm weather that enticed the people to get out and join us – keep up the good work folks.

Please come and join us – new members are welcome!

For more information contact Shirley on **0411 265 261** or Graeme on **0407 930 515**.

## Dingley Village Historical Society



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

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

Contact by email: [enquiries@dvhs.com.au](mailto:enquiries@dvhs.com.au)

## Dingley Village Men's Shed



Opening Hours and General Activities:

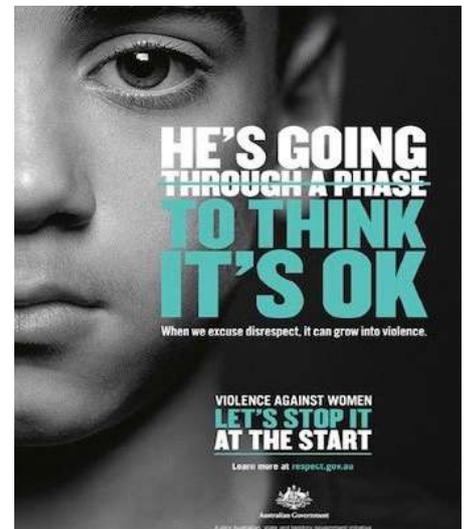
Day of Week	Open Hours	General Activities
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am - 1:00 pm	Metal Work, Wood Work, Art, Bicycle & Car Maintenance
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am - 12:00 pm 1:30pm - 3:30pm	A' Team workgroup & Bike Riding Group Photography
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am - 12:00 pm	Bike Riding Group & Music Group
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	A' Team workgroup Pool / Snooker
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Members Muster</b> This is our main day!

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

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

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

Ph. **9551 5892**, E-mail: [info@dvms.org.au](mailto:info@dvms.org.au)  
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## Lions Club of Dingley Village



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

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

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

## Rotary Club Noble Park – Dingley



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## 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](mailto: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.**

Our entertainer on 17th March is Gavin Chattellier and he will help us celebrate our 45th birthday on that day.

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.

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

### Further information:

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

## Mordialloc/Chelsea Evening VIEW Club

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](http://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.

If you're interested in having a bowl, please call 9546 8851, or check out club website for more information [www.burdenpark.bowls.com.au](http://www.burdenpark.bowls.com.au).

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We begin each session with a catered meal, watch a video specific to the topic of the week and then you get the opportunity to discuss what you think 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 logistics, so please email [admin@crm.org.au](mailto:admin@crm.org.au) for expressions of interest. 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 2026.

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 Kaye on **0438 873 784**  
[www.heathertondingley.ucavictas.org.au](http://www.heathertondingley.ucavictas.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.

### 165TH ANNIVERSARY

Come and join us on Sunday, 22nd March at 2 pm as a replica foundation plaque is unveiled by the Mayor of the City of Kingston, to celebrate our 165th Anniversary, followed by afternoon tea.

### What's On

#### Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month

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

#### Third Saturday On Odd Months Of The Year.

**Bark And Chat** - This is an informal group of dog lovers who bring their dogs along for a chat and short information session on different topics relating to dogs, followed by morning tea. For further information contact Margaret on **0401 392 772**.

### Village Church Inc.



Address: 7-9 Fiveways Blvd Keysborough 3173

Pastor: Rodney Hole  
 Elders: Andrew Weston & Warren Dean  
 Church Office: **8712 8254**  
 or [admin@villagechurch.org.au](mailto:admin@villagechurch.org.au)

Visit our website: [www.villagechurch.org.au](http://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 at <https://www.villagechurch.org.au/live-stream>

### The church service includes:

- Bible teaching through expository preaching.
- Pastor Rodney Hole is currently preaching through the 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 - 4 years old)

Tea and coffee are served after the service.

### Life Groups

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

### Bible Study

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

### Sisters in Christ

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

### Men of Faith

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

### Village Church Youth Group (Years 7 -12)

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

### Street Ministry

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

### Marriage and Family Support

At Village Church, our heart is to serve the surrounding community to support the growth of families. Families and marriages are under attack, and we are committed to helping you out in any way.

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**Easter Services**

Palm Sunday, Sun 29th March. Combined service at 10am

Maundy Thursday, Thursday 2nd April at 7pm.

Good Friday, Fri 3rd April at 10am

Easter Sunday, Sun 5th April at 10am.

**Weekly Sunday Services**

8.30 AM (Heritage Church) Holy Communion Service

10.30 AM (Auditorium) Worship Service with Kids’ Church.

6pm Azusa Worship Service (Auditorium) 29th March:- Last Sunday of the Month

3.00PM Bahasa Malaysia Service (Heritage Church).

**Next Combined Service: Sun 29th March at 10am.**

**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**

New leaders. Lots of fun and engaging activities for ages 13 to 17 years. Dinner provided. Drop off 6pm, pick up 9pm (sign-in essential). Please contact our office for details.

**2nd Tuesday Monthly Service: NEW TIME**

1.30 PM Holy Communion Service Formerly Pleasant Tuesday. Traditional Holy Communion with favourite hymns in the Heritage Church followed by a social afternoon tea. Please contact our office for transport if needed. 1.30pm, Tuesday 10th February 2026. Holy Communion Service will take a break in January and return on Tuesday 10th February 2026.

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**St. Mark’s Catholic Church**

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Email: [Springvale@cam.org.au](mailto:Springvale@cam.org.au)

Website for further information:

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