

# THE DINGLEY DOSSIER

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In her acceptance speech Simone, acknowledged the talent, dedication and efforts of the other 23 women nominated and thanked those who had nominated them. "I'm in good company here on stage with these amazing women".

Simone thanked the City of Kingston, Councillors and Mayor, for delivering such an important initiative as Kingston Woman of the Year.

Simone went on to say

"I felt compelled to organise a community event with the aim of raising awareness of mental health challenges and suicide after tragically losing my amazing dad. I went on to raise over \$30,000 for various charities in the following years. I created non-profit organisation Mindful Makings Inc., 18 months ago and with the support of my fantastic committee, we have supported hundreds of locals by blending creative activities with mindfulness. COVID-19 hit 5 months after Mindful Makings Inc., was created and instead of suspending services that had only just started, we adapted and changed our approach to support people challenged by compromised mental health and seclusion. This is when they needed us most! "

In conclusion Simone stated "It's my hope that we talk more freely about the challenges of maintaining positive mental health, create an environment where vulnerable people feel comfortable to reach out and promote community inclusion. I am proud to be recognised for my efforts however I am most proud of the people who show strength by asking for help.

During the challenges of 2020 Simone continued her role as president of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, worked full time and continued to support families experiencing genuine despair with emergency relief.

For the past 20 years Simone has worked in mostly management roles for Commonwealth and State government departments, works full time, is mum to a wonderful 9-year-old and has an incredibly supportive husband who has encouraged and supported her community work. Simone was adamant that none of what she had achieved would be possible without the amazing people and businesses in our local community. "It's because of them that I have been able to help others."



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# COMMUNITY

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#### **Anzac Services**

Once again the Rotary Club of Dingley Village will be organising services to commemorate Anzac Day at the memorial in Marcus Road. The Community Anzac Day Commemoration Service will be held on Friday 23rd April commencing at 11am with the Anzac Day Dawn Service commencing at 5.45 am.



Once again, at the conclusion of the Dawn Service there will be a Gunfire Breakfast provided by Dingley Football and Netball Club and sponsored by the Dingley International Hotel. Gold coin donation appreciated. See full page flyer further in the Dossier.

## Important information if you are attending ANZAC Day Services

- If you have a temperature or are feeling unwell do not attend any service.
- Face masks must be carried, but it is preferable that they be worn
- Maintain 1.5 metre distance where possible, if this is not possible face masks must be worn.
- If you wish to sing the anthems, a face mask must be worn
- Your contact details must be recorded on the sheets provided at the Rotunda.

#### 90 Years Young

Coral Mitchell turned 90 years young and her class mates celebrated this milestone with her at her weekly Body and Balance Class at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Coral joined the class 2 years ago to improve her balance - she has never missed a class since she started and continues to amaze and inspire the other ladies and instructor Norma Gibson.

Join Coral for a fun, workout for seniors to improve balance, strength, coordination and meet new friends- Thursday mornings at 11am - cost \$8.00.



#### Justice of the Peace

Malcolm Gilbert: **0418 549 800 |** Marion Harriden: **9551-1799** Allan Harris: **0412 073 719** 

Please note that Alfred De'Laney was listed incorrectly last month, he is no longer available.

#### South Pacific Sing-a-long

Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church is bringing one of the world's most beloved musicals to you in sing-along format. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April @ 2 pm. Cost \$5 includes afternoon tea. RSVP to BOB for catering purposes **0418 998 712** 



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#### COVID- 19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine will be available to all Australians in 2021 and will be rolled out in phases. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will help protect you from getting sick from COVID-19. The vaccines being used in Australia are very effective at preventing serious illness and loss of life due to COVID-19. The vaccine will be safe, free and universal. You can find if you are eligible for early phase vaccination by using the Vaccine eligibility Checker at

https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility

Remember, even as the vaccine rollout continues, it remains very important to stay safe by washing your hands regularly, carrying a face mask with you and wearing it when required, coughing and sneezing



into your elbow, and keeping at least 1.5 metres from others. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, you must get tested and stay home.

#### Mulching and Planting Working Bee

Dingley Village Community Association has organised a working bee and is encouraging all resident young and old to come down to Spring Rd Reserve to help out with the planting and mulching.

- Date: Saturday 24 April 2021
- Time: 10am until you drop!
- Meeting place: North end of Spring Rd Reserve (near the Fenced dog walking area)
- All necessary equipment including gloves will be provided you need only ensure you wear sturdy shoes
- RSVP with your name, mobile and email to the DVNC 9558 1866 OR email the DVCA at dvcasecretary@gmail.com.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



#### Hawthorn Football club response to Letter to the Editor: **March Dingley Dossier**

I refer to a Letter to the Editor in the recent edition of the Dingley Dossier in which the writer raised Hawthorn Football Club's Kennedy Community Centre development. In response to the matters raised, the following comments are provided:

- Hawthorn Football Club has undertaken an extensive public consultation process with Dingley Village residents and the Kingston community.
- Hawthorn Football Club has sought a Planning Scheme Amendment for the Kennedy Community Centre site. Inherent within this process was another extensive consultation process to ensure Dingley Village residents and the Kingston community were aware of HFC's plans. Dingley Village community and Kingston residents have been very supportive of the project.
- The community facilities that will be developed at the Kennedy Community Centre will be extensively utilised by Dingley Village residents and the Kingston community. Hawthorn Football Club is working with the local sporting leagues to enable them to fixture games at the facilities when they are developed.

- The Incorporated Document for Hawthorn Football Club's Planning Scheme Amendment explicitly states "Gaming machines as defined in the Gambling Regulation Act 2003, are prohibited from being established on the land". HFC supports this position.
- The Planning Permit for the Kennedy Community Centre contains a number of traffic and parking conditions which have been on public display.
- Hawthorn Football Club looks forward to being part of the Dingley Village community and the development of the Kennedy Community Centre.
  - Head of KCC Development Hawthorn Football Club





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# 2021 ANZAC DAY **SERVICES At Dingley** Village Memorial

The Rotary Club Noble Park - Dingley in conjunction with Springvale Sub Branch RSL invite you to attend our ANZAC Day Commemoration Services.

The Dingley Village Schools and **Community ANZAC Day Commemoration** Service on Friday 23rd April commencing at 11.00 am.

A **Dawn Service** on ANZAC Day commencing at 5.45am.

A Gunfire Breakfast sponsored by the Dingley International Hotel will be available after the Dawn Service. Gold coin donation appreciated.

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### Our next market is on Saturday 17th April

# Please support the incredible Victorian Farmers and Producers who attend our market.



Shop among the gum trees for your farm fresh seasonal produce at the Dingley Village Farmers' Market. Located in the forecourt of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, the Dingley Village Farmers' Market provides shoppers with seasonal farm fresh produce from Victorian Farmers and Producers.

Whilst we have a core group of permanent stall holders, we also have casual stalls who may only come for a few markets as their product has a limited season, so we encourage to pops along to the market regularly to checkout our wide and ever changing range of produce.



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As COVID restrictions lift we hope to soon restart our children's activities and welcome back buskers for your entertainment.



Cash Out facility is available at the Neighbourhood Centre office during the market, if you require extra cash for shopping.

Everyone's safety is the priority. Please observe all COVID-19 measures whilst attending the market.



# **OUR COUNCIL**

## Planning review helps build community confidence

A proactive review into planning matters has found no evidence of improper conduct at Kingston Council.

The review was sparked by planning issues at the City of Casey, with Kingston Council keen to reassure the community that no similar issues existed in Kingston.

Lawyers Holding Redlich were engaged to conduct an extensive, independent review into any local planning matters that involved key players from IBAC's Operation Sandon investigation in Casey.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said Councillors called for the review to give the community confidence that proper planning processes were followed at Kingston. "We took a proactive approach and looked into any planning applications involving people who were part of the Casey investigation plus a number of other contentious items," Cr Staikos said.

"I'm pleased to report that the review found no evidence of improper conduct. We take these issues very seriously and wanted to ensure our community had full confidence in local planning processes."

The lawyers' review also provided 13 recommendations on how to further strengthen planning processes to provide additional protection. A report on implementing the recommendations will now be prepared including:

- Maintain a register of any Councillor meetings with lobbyists
- Develop/review political donation disclosure policy
- Randomly review planning applications for auditing purposes
- Provide ongoing ethics training for Councillors and officers
- Providing training for Councillors on the Victorian Planning system
- Define which senior officers should attend meetings with applicants
- Document all meetings with external parties and lobbyists
- Ensure adequate process to report suspected misconduct.
- Develop a framework to guide Councillor 'call ins' of planning applications

- Adopt policy on election campaign return forms.
- Consider planning panel recommendations, provide
- transparent approach if recommendation not followed
- Consider ways to enhance relationships between Councillors and officers.

#### Pets are for life, not just for lockdowns

Kingston Council is urging new pet owners to seek advice if they are struggling to look after their furry family member.

During the 2020 COVID-19 lockdowns, many families bought a pet to provide them with companionship and there was a surge of pet ownership across Victoria. Unfortunately, as restrictions have eased, animal shelters have been filling up with pets that are being abandoned.

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said there are alternative options available to pet owners who are starting to feel the strain. "Some pet owners may have found themselves grappling with time constraints, or behavioural changes in pets, that don't have you all to themselves anymore," said Cr Staikos. "If these problems are addressed early, it is possible to achieve a good outcome for everyone involved."

RSPCA Victoria offers the following advice for pet owners to take steps to adjust to this change:

- Try to maintain a routine which includes some quality time with your pets every day
- Introduce them to alone time in a positive way, i.e. leave a treat for them when you head out
- Make departures and arrivals as uneventful as possible
- Try to give them a few minutes of exercise before you head off
- Provide them with a cosy nook they can feel safe in at home
- "If families are interested in bringing a pet into their home we're really encouraging them to consider adopting a rescue pet instead, especially with our local animal shelters filling up," Cr Staikos said.

Council would also like to remind community members who have recently adopted a cat or dog, that they must be microchipped, de-sexed and registered with Council by 10 April 2021.

"This is a state-wide legislation which Councils are required to oversee, but it has many benefits – and is the best way to ensure families are reunited with their pets if they are lost or run away," said Cr Staikos.

"The registration fee also pays for parks, pet exercise equipment, the local response to dangerous animals, school education programs and monitoring of animal welfare standards in pet shops, kennels, catteries, breeding and training businesses."

This is all featured in a Free Guide to Responsible Pet Ownership, which is available in the Autumn 2021 edition of Kingston Your City. "The Free Guide also includes details about the 2021 Pet Expo, rules about keeping cats indoors at night, a map to find Kingston's 30+ off-leash parks and reserves, and details of the city's free biodegradable dog litter bags," said Cr Staikos.

Kingston Your City has been distributed to households across Kingston and is available online. To register your pets by 10 April, or to read more, visit Council's Dog and Cat Registration page.

#### Mental health champion named Kingston's 2021 Woman of the Year

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delivers services that positively impact the lives of those who live with mental health concerns or are secluded from others."

The annual event, now in its third year, provided the community with a chance to celebrate the remarkable contribution of women across all walks of our society.

This year, for the first time, a Lifetime Award was also presented alongside the Woman of the Year Award recognising 40 years of outstanding service to the community.

"We decided to present the Lifetime Award to Joan Bradd, a long-serving Member of Scouts Victoria, who established the Dingley Scout Group. Over her 40 years of service, Joan has held many leadership positions within Scouts Victoria, including District Commissioner Kingston District and State Commissioner of Training,"

said Cr Staikos.

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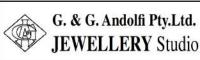
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With such a strong field, Councillors also presented three 'Honourable Mentions':

Megan King: Megan is a single working mum who has created a local group for the carers of children with special needs. During the COVID lockdown she utilised a grant to send out care packages. Megan's Facebook group 'Autism & Special Needs – Melbourne' connects over 1,500 families to local services and support.

Vanessa Heredia: Vanessa was inspired by her children to become involved in the community, supporting those less fortunate. With her husband Vance and a dedicated team of volunteers, she established Chelsea Community Christmas Lunch bringing hope and love to so many who are alone.



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Arna O'Connell: Arna is dedicated to the field of community development, working as both a volunteer and in management of the Cheltenham Community Centre, and previously at the Mordialloc Community Centre. She works tirelessly and passionately to ensure the local community is provided with quality programs that connect people with each other and respond to community needs.

To learn more about the winners and nominees visit kingston.vic.gov.au/kwa.

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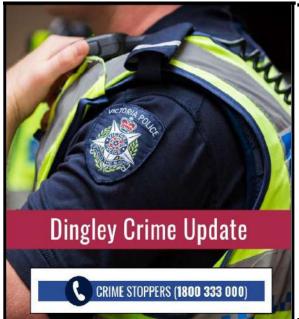
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Victoria Police continues to crack down on illegal and dangerous hoon drivers following the launch of a new statewide operation.

As part of Operation Achilles, investigators across the state are working together to disrupt hoon activity and put offenders before the court.

Anyone with information on hoon or poor driver behaviour activity is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au

In an emergency dial 000 but if you do not need the lights and sirens call 131 444

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## **DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

# LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

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Lifeline: 13 11 14

**SES**: 13 25 00

**Poisons Info: 13 11 26** 

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**RSPCA** 

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### Volunteers Needed - Spring Rd Reserve - Saturday 24 April 2021

#### Mulching and Planting Residents Working Bee

Now that the weather is right and restrictions are easing, the long-awaited planting and mulching work for Spring Rd Reserve can begin!

As part of the plan prepared by Council approximately 1,000 ground story plants and 65 cubic metres of mulch can go into the Reserve over the next 6 months

If you would like to get out, roll your sleeves up and help improve our park, here are the details:

- Date: Saturday 24 April 2021
- Time: 10am until you drop!
- Meeting place: North end of Spring Rd Reserve (near the Fenced dog walking area)
- All necessary equipment including gloves will be provided - you need only ensure you wear sturdy shoes
- RSVP with your name, mobile and email to the DVNC 9558 1866
   OR email the DVCA at dvcasecretary@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing Dingley Village residents that care about Spring Park, so please register and join us, then watch your trees grow over the years!

# Chadwick Reserve - What's Currently Happening?

The redevelopment of Chadwick Reserve continues at a pace and DVCA members Shirley DeWever and Jon Garrard have been working hard to get the best possible outcomes in the community consultation process.

Redevelopment is being carried out in three stages. Stage 1 is now completed, the new oval looks great and is being well used.

Current work now being undertaken includes:

 Play space upgrade - landscaping and playground improvements,
 BMX track upgrade, basketball half court and new fencing and paths.

- Civil drainage works which will begin in March temporary fencing will be used to enable these works, which will temporarily reduce access to the playing fields and dog off leash area.
- Installation of wayfinding signage

The Reserve's new pavilion, part of Stage 2, is expected to commence mid 2021, with path lighting is also scheduled to be installed following completion of the pavilion.

# Hawthorn Football Club - Kennedy Community Centre

The DVCA appreciates the interest shown by Mr Lane in the Kennedy Community Centre development proposed by Hawthorn Football Club in Tootal Road, Dingley Village. We have forwarded his letter - as published in last month's Dossier - to the Hawthorn Football Club, requesting their response to those questions. We will publish their response in the Dossier when received.

#### **DVCA**

Please consider joining the DVCA.
The DVCA is open to all residents
who genuinely care about our Village.
Meetings are held in the Community
Centre on the 2nd Tuesday each month
(except Dec. & Jan.) at 7.30pm. New
members are most welcome to attend.

#### **DVCA Contact Details**

For further information please contact the Chairman and Secretary at dvcasecretary@gmail.com, or visit our new DVCA website: www.dvca.info

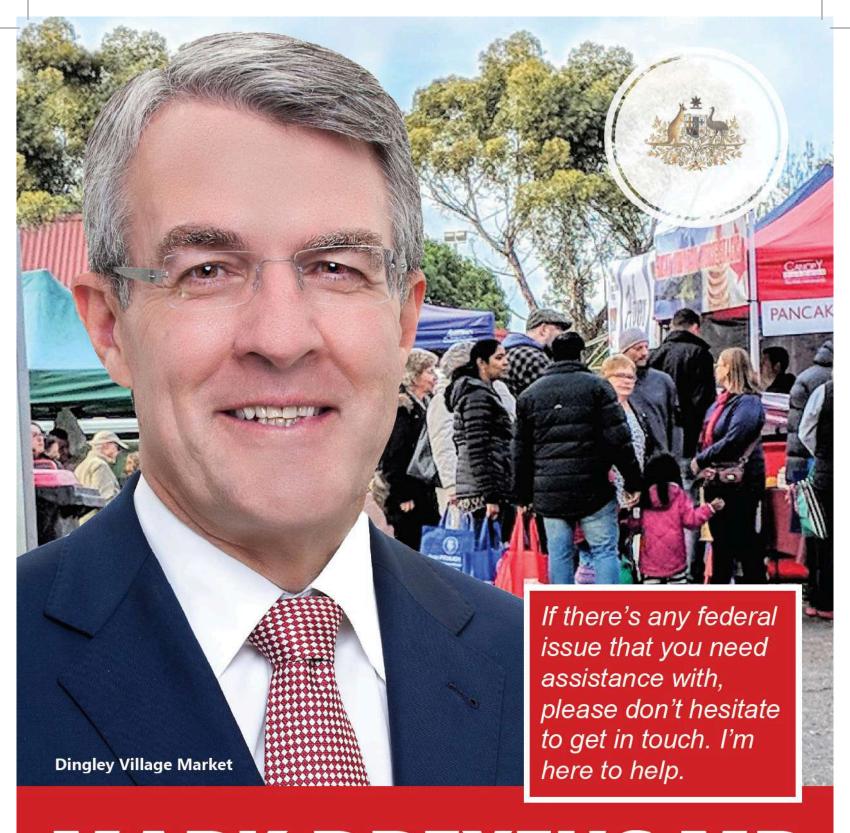


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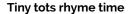
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# WHATS ON AT THE DINGLEY LIBRARY

# Whats On For Children & Youth At Dingley Village Library

Keep an eye out for our School Holiday program at <a href="https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library/Home">https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library/Home</a>



For babies & toddlers 0-24 months.

Encourage a love of stories and reading with your baby in our Tiny Tots program. Enjoy an interactive 20 minute session full of songs, rhymes, books and finger play. Learn techniques to develop your child's early literacy skills and discover the perfect books to choose for your baby. Wednesdays 9:30am.



#### **Preschool Storytime**

For preschool children 2-5 years. You and your child will love Storytime at the library! Enjoy a fun 30 minute session of stories, action songs, rhymes and puppets.

Story Time helps develop language, literacy and communication skills, and provides an opportunity to socialise with others. Thursdays 2.30 pm.



#### **Sensitive Storytime**

Sensitive Storytime is designed for preschool aged children with additional needs or those who simply prefer a quieter, calmer, more subdued session. Sensory needs around sound and light are taken into consideration and visual cues are used to help children follow what comes next in the program.

Enjoy short stories and songs, followed by simple sensory play activities in this 30 minute session. Mondays 9:30am.

#### Lego Free Play

Drop in at Dingley Library each Saturday afternoon for free play with LEGO® and DUPLO® A fun, casual and creative activity for families. Kids all ages welcome. Saturday 12-2pm.



#### **Xbox Meet**

If you love gaming, competition and having fun with like-minded friends, then Xbox Meet is for you.

This is a monthly club for older children aged 10+ which allows kids to participate in and learn a variety of games on Xbox One.

The activity will include tournaments and competitions – are you up for a challenge? 2nd Thursday of each month 4-5pm.





#### **Maker Space**

Drop-in sessions for all ages. Looking for a casual drop-in activity to do at the library after school?

Then Makerspace is for you! Handson activities with things for you to explore, make or do. It could involve craft, construction or new technology - there's always something interesting going on. Fridays 4 pm.





#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult while in the library.

Phone: 1300 135 668

**Web:** library.kingston.vic.gov.au **Email:** library@kingston.vic.gov.au

# WRITERS CORNER



#### **A Trivial Error**

#### 'I was able to snatch a loss from the jaws of victory.'

Watching the winning team celebrating their newly acquired meat tray and slab of beer was almost too painful to tolerate. They had no business winning the pub quiz. That honour should have gone to Ben's team. They had played brilliantly throughout the evening and were no doubt the greater of the two teams.

The four of them were outstanding in their specialist subjects. Helen was the fine art specialist. Ian's subject was politics, Rob aced sport and Ben was the music guru. So the fact that he was responsible for the team losing made it all the more galling.

The final question of the night; Which record label famously refused to sign The Beatles, pushing them to promptly sign The Rolling Stones, thus ensuring they didn't make the same mistake twice? This was the easy stuff.

There isn't a Beatles aficionado who doesn't know the answer to that question or a Stones fan for that matter, and Ben was both. It was the sort of bog- standard question pub trivia nerds longed to finish the game with; so what had possessed Ben to say 'PYE'? He knew he'd stuffed up, the second he had answered it.

The collective gasp from the crowded pub and joyous laughter from the opposition, who had soon become the champions of the night when they had indeed answered the question correctly, had told him, not to mention the fact he tried to change the answer a split second after he had muttered the offending syllable.

# Joining a writing group:

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Ben couldn't apologise enough to his team to the point where he took them all out for a meal at the same pub the next night, on him of course. It went some way to soften the blow of the previous evening, but he knew that saving face was really the only victory the team longed for.

#### Julia Smiles 2021

This story was written by a member of the Dingley Village Writing for Pleasure Group. We are a small group always open to new members who wish to explore their creative side.

We share stories, support each other and learn in the process. We are at different levels of capability, so beginners are welcome as are published authors! It's all about having a go and having fun in the process with a nice group of Dingley Village residents (if we do say so ourselves!)

If you would like to discuss this or come along and see how to operate send me, Warren, an email on <a href="mailto:wasadunc@bigpond.net.au">wasadunc@bigpond.net.au</a>





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## WHY?

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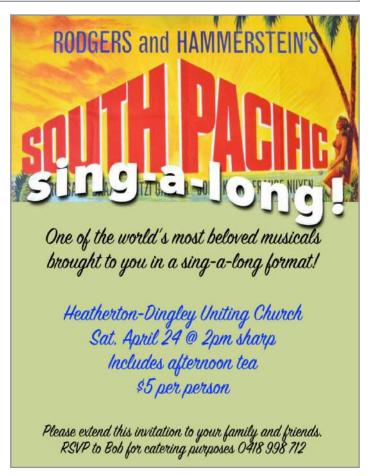


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# Community asked to help prioritise urgent action to respond to the climate emergency

Kingston Council wants to work with the community to help prioritise the urgent actions needed to respond to the climate and ecological emergency.

In January last year, Council joined other cities across Australia and around the world in declaring a Climate and Ecological Emergency, recognising that urgent action was required to reduce emissions.

Council recognises that the magnitude of change required in a short amount of time is huge. So, we've put together a draft response plan that draws on the science to tell us what action will make the biggest impact in the shortest amount of time. We now need the community to tell us what they think. Draft response plan can be downloaded from:

https://www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/ceerp

Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said the draft response plan is just the first step, Council needs the community to get involved and tell us what their priorities are for urgent, scalable and meaningful action.

"We want our community to let us know if they agree with our priorities for urgent action or have other ideas about how we can respond to this climate crisis, because it affects all of us," said Cr Staikos.

"We also want to hear how you want be involved in achieving our community emissions reduction target of Net Zero by 2030. Reaching this target requires a whole of community response so it's important we all work together."

Council has committed to three main goals and a range of targets including net zero corporate emissions by 2025 and net zero community emissions by 2030. Council will also investigate opportunities to support carbon 'sinks' that reduce emissions by absorbing carbon.

"Limiting global warming to well below 2°C is going to be incredibly tough," said Cr Staikos. "Council recognises the level of investment required to reduce emission is substantial and that strong leadership is required."

Last year Kingston signed a power purchase agreement that will see all the city's street lighting and Council's large buildings powered by green energy by 1 July 2021.

In addition, it is anticipated that all remaining Council sites will also be powered by green energy under another separate contract from July this year, ensuring that 100% of Council's electricity needs will be provided by renewables.

"Sourcing Kingston's energy requirements from renewable electricity is an important response to our Climate and Ecological Emergency declaration - but it's not enough," Cr Staikos said.

"Transformational change is needed to reduce emissions at the scope and scale required to bring about meaningful change." While the difference Council can make is significant, contributions from business, industry and residents will be essential.

Council will continue to support the community in their efforts to reduce emissions, we will encourage behaviour change and we'll work with them to ensure that the support we provide is truly effective.

Visit <u>yourkingstonyoursay/ceerp</u> to find out more about the draft Climate and Ecological Emergency Response Plan and fill out the short survey.

Initial consultation closes on Friday 9 April 2021. There will also be a number of opportunities to provide feedback and take action along the way. To join the mailing list to receive project updates direct to your inbox visit:

www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/ceerp



# LOOKING AT LOANS



### **Housing Boom**

House prices in Australia are booming, Dingley Village is no exception. So much for 'expert' predictions of a 40% collapse!

Interest rates at 2% are a major driver. Despite low wages growth, housing interest payments have dropped from over 10% of income, to now only being 5% of income, the lowest since 2002. Affordability of repayments is no longer such a problem.

Market activity is primarily from owner occupiers, with significant numbers of first home buyers supporting the lower end of the market. This is further good news for market stability, with previous problems of booms being driven by too many investors not being evident at this time.

#### What's Next?

The four major banks are forecasting house price rises between 8 and 10 per cent in 2021. The Reserve Bank has signalled it is unconcerned by the current strength of the property market. It has also stated an intention to maintain interest rates at current levels until 2024.

But something has to give. Most likely? We see interest rates remaining stable in the short to medium term.

With high debt levels across a world recovering from a pandemic they cannot be increased too much without major economic implications. At least not until there is sustained wages growth and inflation.

Current growth in the housing market is unequivocally a good thing, with first home buyers' active and driving the market. However if it continues too far, the regulators will intervene. That would most likely be via lending controls on banks, not interest rates.

Australian regulators will be watching New Zealand real estate markets closely, where markets are considered overheated. Bank lending regulation changes are being made there now, including limiting new investor loans to 60% of property valuation. Their target is to cool the market, without causing a crash. Our advice to Australian property purchasers remains – If you are wanting to buy and are in a position to do so, do not wait. If you have specific questions as to your own individual situation, give us a call.

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# LOCAL SPORTS



### Dingley Football Netball Club

'Over the next six months or so our sporting fields will be heaving with activity as we come out of lockdown.



Saturdays especially will see a huge increase of activity and traffic movement in and around the Rowan Road Netball Courts as our many teams start their competitions, with hundreds of young and older players accessing the facility. It is timely to issue a friendly reminder to all motorists to take particular care when using surrounding streets.

The newly developed Chadwick Reserve oval in Howard Road has now been developed for use of our junior footballers.

As with the netball complex a steady stream of youngsters will be coming and going regularly over coming weekends, many on bikes and on foot.

We are very mindful of the safety of all those who 'come to play' at Dingley and we urge everybody in our community to be particularly aware of the increased traffic over coming months.

Let's all be safe, please join in and help us enjoy our sport. 'Go Dingoes'

### **Dingley Tennis Club**



There is lots happening at the Club.

Our newest program is Tennis 4 Teens. This is a casual social group for teenagers aged between 12 and 17, who enjoy having a hit with friends.

Fun will be the focus of the sessions whether that be on the tennis court or doing other activities, such as table tennis, arcade games all whilst listening to your favourite music. Friday nights at 7pm. No weekly commitment. Racquets provided if needed, food & drinks included.

We also have Cardio Tennis, Wednesday nights at 7.30pm. Cardio Tennis is a tennis workout program catering to all fitness levels. No tennis skill is required. Bringing together a variety of cardio workouts, a range of fun tennis drills, all to a high-energy soundtrack.

The program is focused on leading a healthy, fun and active lifestyle. It's a great work out followed by supper and a social catch up.

For more info please call **9547 4839** or email: admin@dingleytennisclub.com.au.



# Keep up to date

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Let's break down exactly what makes these lenses so great with the 5 W's;

#### Who can wear them?

Zeiss SmartLife lenses are available in Single Vision, Digital and Multifocal lenses. This means that anyone can wear them as all visual needs are covered no matter the wearers' age.

#### What do these lenses do?

The three main features that these lenses offer compared to a 'standard' lens are:

- Age intelligence; the lenses are manufactured with your pupil size in mind (based on your age) which results in clear vision, particularly at
- Less soft focus/blurry areas in your lens; these lenses are able to give you wider fields of view resulting in easier adaptation and all day comfort.
- Wearers gaze; these lenses take into account exactly 'how' we use our eyes on a daily basis, making sure the quick transition between gazes are clear and precise. From walking down the street, to glancing at our smart device to looking at our smart watch, all habits are taken into consideration producing a superior lens.

#### When should you wear these lenses?

The only time there would be no benefit in wearing these lenses is when you are asleep! All jokes aside, given the busy world we live in today, every situation and quality of life is going to be enhanced with these lenses.

Where can you get these lenses? We offer the full range of Zeiss SmartLife lenses at Dingley Eye Centre, and our trained dispensing staff are able to tailor the best SmartLife lens design for your 'on-the-go' lifestyle.

#### Why these lenses?

Simple, if you are after clearer more precise vision with an easy adaptability and comfort of wear, then the Zeiss SmartLife lenses will be perfect for you.

At Dingley Eye Centre, we are passionate about your vision and the health of your families' eyes. Call us to make an appointment, book online or come down for a chat about how we can help you to see better with the latest Zeiss SmartLife lens technology.

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Over 65? Thinking of selling your home? Since 1st July 2018 you may be eligible to contribute up to \$300,000 (\$600,000 for a couple) from the proceeds of the sale of your home to your superannuation fund.

This incentive, known as the 'downsizer contribution', is part of a federal government program to improve housing affordability.

It offers a further opportunity for some home sellers to benefit from the tax advantages associated with superannuation. On the downside it may adversely affect eligibility for age pension.

#### **Rules apply**

Of course, it wouldn't be a super contribution without lots of rules, and the main ones are:

- You must be 65 or older when you make the contribution. This could affect decisions on the timing of a sale. For example, Anne (67) and Rod (63) are thinking of downsizing. As only Anne can make a downsizer contribution they may want to delay selling their home until Rod turns 65 so he can also make one.
- You or your spouse must have owned the home for at least 10 years prior to sale; it must be your main residence; and cannot be a caravan, houseboat or mobile home.
- You can only use this concession once. You can't use it with subsequent home sales.
- The contribution is limited to the lesser of \$300,000 each or the total proceeds from the sale of the home. In the case of couples, contributions don't need to be evenly split. Take Tom and Stephanie. They sold their house for \$500,000.
- Rather than contribute \$250,000 each, Stephanie contributes her \$300,000 maximum.

- Tom's downsizer contribution must then be no more than \$200,000.
- The contribution must be made within 90 days of receiving the proceeds, though an extension may be granted in limited cases.

Curiously, given the name of this initiative, you don't need to physically downsize your home. If you have the funds available you could buy a bigger or more expensive abode. In fact, you don't even need to buy a new home at all

#### The effect on super

On the superannuation side, you can make a downsizer contribution if your total super balance exceeds \$1.6 million. However, the contribution will count towards your transfer balance cap (i.e. the cap on the amount you can use to establish a tax-free superannuation pension). Even so, it may still be advantageous to hold these funds in the concessional (15%) tax environment applicable to the super accumulation phase.

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## And what about the age pension?

Anyone thinking of downsizing needs to consider the impact on eligibility for age pension. A main residence is exempt from the assets test, but if its sale frees up money – for example through buying a cheaper home or renting - those funds will be assessed under both the income and assets test even if they are used to make a downsizer contribution. This may result in a reduction or loss of age pension. The extent to which you can benefit from making a downsizer contribution depends very much on your individual situation. And it isn't just a financial issue; lifestyle considerations are also important. Before making a decision it's important to consider all the angles, so talk to your financial adviser about whether a downsizer contribution is right for you.

- Adrian Mastroianni Client Service Administrator Ashfords, Suite 5, 14 Garden Boulevard, Dingley VIC 3172

# FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

# On Saturday 13 March, the opening of the six-metre wide cement pedestrian underpass under the Mordialloc Freeway and into Braeside Park was low key.

A smoking ceremony was performed by a member of the Kulin Nation to welcome all to country. Member of the Victorian Legislative Council Dr Tien Kieu, and the Legislative Assembly members Sonya Kilkenny and Tim Richardson attended, as did Kingston's Mayor Cr Steve Staikos attended. Mr Richardson and the representative of VicRoads' Major Roads Project spoke.

Mr Richardson recognized The Friends of Braeside Park for standing up for the environment during the Environmental Effects Statement process, and then working with Major Roads Project Victorian afterwards.

He spoke of looking forward to the completion of the Freeway, and the 70 000 cars to daily travel along it. Then, he would ride with his daughter on their bicycles through the underpass to enjoy Braeside Park. Mr Richardson may therefore be aware that constructing a major freeway next to a park makes it less of a park.

Pollution is produced by vehicle exhausts including carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, ash particles, volatile organic compounds and sulphur dioxide. Hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides react with sunlight to form ground-level ozone. Ground-level ozone, a main ingredient in smog, causes respiratory problems and damages. It also damages Parks Victoria's slogan is "Healthy Parks, Healthy People."

Then, there are the lights along the Freeway and each of those vehicles which use it. Light-pollution also harms our environment, our wildlife, their habitats, and our quality of life. (People function better with sleep. People sleep better and longer when it is dark, cool, and quiet.) Light-pollution also contributes to climate change because it adds more heat to the atmosphere.

Major Roads Project Victoria will no doubt follow all the present regulations, yet a freeway is a freeway full of car lights. This will impact on the wildlife and humans' habitats.

Migratory birds who visit Braeside Park and its surviving, surrounding wetlands will have to deal with a glaring ribbon of light during their visits to Australia. (Then, there is sound-pollution; but nobody who lives within earshot of Springvale, Lower Dandenong, or Westall Roads needs that explained to them.)

Will indigenous symbols, Bunjil, the Wedge-tailed Eagle, and Waa, the Crow, assist these wandering migratory visitors to navigate through to safety?

Lastly, there is the runoff from the Freeway, a major source of water pollution. As the water runs along a surface, it picks up litter, petroleum, chemicals, petrochemicals, heavy metals, and other toxins. These harm an entire ecosystem such as Braeside Park, but the Major Roads Project team assures all that their swales can mitigate all this.

Back at that first meeting the Friends of Braeside Park had with Vic Roads' representatives about their Freeway, the government spokesperson forecast that the Freeway would change the Park forever, and we had better get used to "noise, smell and general pollution" because that was our Future. Now, it is yours too. (At least, VicRoads was honest!)



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# CIRCLING THE CLUBS



#### Probus Club of Dingley Village Inc.



As restriction ease we are recommencing two of our regular activities, we are starting back slow to let us crawl before we walk.

Firstly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month we will hold a morning coffee get together at 10am at 'THE NEST' Waterside Drive, Waterways. Secondly we will hold a luncheon on the 3rd Thursday each month, and next luncheon is on the 15th April at 112 noon at the Dingley International. Please RSVP to Vi on 9551 1076 for either or both events.

We look forward to again meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Dingley Sports and Social Club at Souter Oval, from 10.00am, once restrictions are lifted. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at our meetings, and for further information, or to join one of our activities, please contact President Vi on 9551 1076.

# Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club (Voice Interest Education of Women)



Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club have resumed COVID safe meetings for 2021. We commenced the year with a fascinating talk from Rotarians for Bees and next month we will hear from Sue Schofield re the plight of Borneo's Sun Bears. We have already got to work raising funds for The Smith Family Learning for Life Programme which support vulnerable Australian children with their education. Currently there over one million Australian children living below the poverty line.

On Sunday February 28th we were thrilled to raise funds from our Bunnings sausage sizzle. A huge thanks to our members and local companies who provided sponsorship. Bunnings Keysborough, Bakers Delight Dingley, Woolworths Dingley, Lions Club Dingley.

It is community working together which can make such a difference to the outcome of many lives.VIEW is about enjoying friendship, Learning and Fun outings all with the purpose of helping vulnerable Australian children. Women of all ages welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Fran Thomas, **0419 309 931** franniet@gmail.com

When: Second Tuesday of the month. 10am to 1130.

Place; Keysborough Golf Club Hutton Rd Keysborough.



**Probus Club Dingley Central** 



Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 1st March and well attended by members. All vacant positions were filled, the club is very fortunate, having members willing and able to take on these positions.

Our outgoing President Greg and fellow committee members, were thanked for their tireless contributions, in keeping club members informed during COVID lockdown.

Best Wishes were extended to incoming President Ann and her committee for a successful year ahead.

Our activities and social outings are now resuming, adhering to COVID restrictions. These include legs, morning coffee, dine outs, happy hour, I Pad group, men's lunch, craft, games day, film and live shows. Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 10am at "The Salvation Army Kingston City" 12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village.

We welcome new members and for further information, please contact our secretary Ruth on **9587 0432**.

# Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

Anyone over the age of 55 would be very welcome to come and join in our Club activities – these are generally held on a Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the new Harold Box Hall.

Note however that Monday the 5th of April is a public holiday and we will thus not have a meeting on that day. Our first meeting for April will then be on the 12th. Please contact our President, Lyn, on 9585 5039, or our Secretary, Sandra, on 9558 1490, to confirm the arrangements for April.

#### Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

With the current restrictions easing the Group is now starting to resume social activities both on a Thursday night and at the weekends. Until the Sportsbar renovations are complete our Thusday night meetings have been taking place in the alcove at the far end of the Bistro of the Dingley International Hotel.

Activities during March have included dinners on a Saturday night at Cheltenham, Sandown and Beaumaris. There has also dancing and dining mainly on a Friday night at Springvale, Noble Park and Mentone.

COVID 19 has seen dance floors numbers limited to the available space based on restriction requirements.

Our activities are suitable for those in the 60 plus age group and provide an opportunity to socialise with your peers. Our week would normally start on a Thursday night from 7.30 pmwhere the Group meet for a casual chat and a drop of your preferred beverage.

A list of proposed activities are considered at these gatherings. Regular activities undertaken by the group include dinners, theatre nights, movies, BBQs, picnics, breakfasts, concerts, holidays, trips, walks and dinner dances.

As things are getting back to normal we are more than happy to welcome new members to the Group. Any enquiries about the Group may be directed to Graeme on 9551 3462 or Shirley on 0410 625 731.

PS. We have lost almost a year of socialising with our peers so get out and about as Father Time keeps on ticking away.

#### Country Women's Association Dingley Village



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On the 24th February & March, C.W.A held our usual Business Meeting at the Neighbourhood Centre. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th April.

We will be holding a Mother's Day stall at Woolworths Dingley on Friday 30th April.

Dingley Branch's 40th Anniversary was in 2020 but we were unable to hold a celebration due to Covid lockdown, however, we are planning to celebrate with a special luncheon outing in May this year. In 2021 our meetings will be subject to Covid guidelines.

If you need any further information about C.W.A., or would like to consider becoming a member, Please contact either - Kathy on **0403 468 969** or Di on **0409 031 942**.

#### Rotary Club Noble Park - Dingley



Whilst writing this we are in the process of putting in place details and a COVID Safe Plan for holding the ANZAC Services. Please see the notice in this Dossier concerning the guidelines for our services.

Attendees will need to register their attendance either at the service or a process of pre-registration. Please watch the Dingley Village Facebook page closer to the event for more details.

Basic education and literacy are one of Rotary's six areas of focus. Our goal is to empower communities to support literacy and promote lifelong learning through education-oriented projects. Literacy is a key predictor of an individual's success and a significant indicator of a community's general welfare.

The ability to read – fluently and with comprehension – is the doorway to success in school and in life. The opportunities to make a difference through education and ensure access to quality education for all students is a vital role that we as Rotarians can support.

We pride ourselves on making a positive impact in our communities and we have continued through the pandemic to support our local schools where there has been a need.

According to the United Nations, The COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption in the education system in history, affecting nearly 1.6 billion students in more than 190 countries across all continents.

The global pandemic has also reduced learning opportunities for the most vulnerable children many who live in poor or rural areas. It has impacted the education of girls, refugees and children with disabilities. COVID has impacted the future of many of the disadvantaged.

As Rotary members we continued to support both the local and international communities during the Pandemic. Rotarians worldwide are committed to supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 to ensure inclusive and quality education for all.

#### Lions Club of Dingley Village



We are in need of new members; it's a great opportunity to help your community. With the limitations for fund raising in 2020, we would like to thank everybody who purchased a Lions Christmas Cake or pudding.

The money raised by our club has supported the National Bushfire appeal, Monash Children's Hospital with the supply of Teddy Bears, toys, books, pencils and games.

Lions Cord Blood Foundation and provided 2 x \$50.00 book awards to successful students at each of the following schools, Dingley Primary School, Kingswood Primary School, St Marks Primary School and Heatherton Christian College. Our next fundraiser for 2021 is the sale of the Entertainment book app - www.entbook.com.au/g121w52, it's great value.

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 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 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

#### Boomerang Bags, Dingley Village



Our aim is to REDUCE waste, REUSE quality shopping bags and RECYCLE fabric. Boomerang Bags Dingley Village is a community group which creates reusable shopping bags from donated recycled fabrics. You can help yourself to one of our FREE bags at the Dingley Village Farmers market or pick one up at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre reception. The group meets each Thursday morning, subject to COVID restrictions, at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 9:30-12pm. If you have clean sheets or fabrics you would like to donate then please contact Debbie 0411 058 804 or Helen 0425 862 718.

#### Dingley Village Men's Shed



The Shed is operating under a COVID Safe Plan. Member's Morning Muster: Friday, 9am till 2pm. The Dingley Village Men's Shed is in Cypress Drive, Braeside Park (near Visitors Centre), Lower Dandenong Road.

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As restrictions alter please check with individual clubs for any changes or updates

# **CHURCHES & CHALLENGES**



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#### 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 Jennifer on **0419 115 811**.

#### First Friday Of Each Month

Indoor Carpet Bowls – 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall followed by supper

# Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month

Unleash the Music in You – 8.00 p.m. at the Church. For further information contact Bob Lorraine on **9589 493** or **0418 998 714** 

#### **Easter Services**

Good Friday – Friday, 2nd April at 9.00 am followed by morning tea with hot cross buns.

Easter Sunday - 10.00 a.m.

#### **Kingston City Church**

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316-322 Kingston Road, Clarinda, 3169 (near Clayton & Boundary Roads intersection).

Ph: 8551 6600, Fax: 8551 6690. Web: <u>www.kcc.crm.org.au</u> Email: admin@crm.org.au

Senior Pastor: Dan Parker Senior Associate Pastor: Dave Harrison Sunday Services: 10am Service has Children's Ministry.

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers'. We are a volunteer run group created by Mums for Mums! Our group provides connection, support, great conversation and guest speakers. Each fortnight we look into topics designed to strengthen Mums physically emotionally and spiritually for the important task of raising our little champions!

Our wonderful volunteer carers have working with children checks and provide a loving space for the kids while their Mums enjoy some kid free adult conversation and TLC. MOPS meets fortnightly on a Monday during the school term. For more information contact Renee Gillespie via the KCC church email: admin@crm.org.au.

#### St. Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village 3172 Office open Tuesdays 8:30am to 11:30am Phone / Fax: 9551 6930 Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Truong Nguyen OFM Conv.

Baptism: Bookings through the St. Joseph's Parish Office, Springvale (9547 4877). Baptisms will be held at St Joseph's Springvale and St Mark's Dingley on alternate months- contact the church offices. **Weddings:** By appointment only Confession: 5:30pm prior to Saturday Vigil Holy Mass, or by appointment.

#### **Holy Mass Times:**

Monday to Friday: 7:00am in the Friary Chapel Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil in the Church Sundays: 9:30 AM Sunday Mass (NB. only one Mass on Sunday)

#### Schedule for Easter Services

- Holy Thursday 1 APRIL @7pm
- Altar of the Repose at the Chapel but no visits due to C-19
- Good Friday 2 APRIL
- Stations of the Cross 11am
- Passion of our Lord 3pm
- Easter Vigil 3 APRIL @ 8pm
- Easter Sunday 4 APRIL @ 9.30am
- Confession
- Friday, 2 April 9.30am-12noon
- Saturday, 3 April 10-11am

#### Some important dates for April

1st April - Holy Thursday 2nd April - Good Friday 4th April - Easter Sunday 11th April - Divine Mercy Sunday 16th April - St Bernadette Soubirous -Seer of Lourdes 25th April - ANZAC day 29th April - St Catherine of Siena Virgin & Doctor

#### Village Church Dingley



"Inspiring People to Discover and Develop Life in Christ" Church Office: 7–9 Fiveways Blvd., Keysborough. 3173 Phone number: 8712 8254 Email: admin@villagechurch.org.au www.villagechurch.org.au

Our Church program for April is as follows:

With the lifting of restriction, many of our gatherings have returned to face-to-face as well as offering Zoom options. Please check our website for updates or ring the office to confirm.

#### **Easter Services**

Good Friday 2nd April - 9.00 a.m.
Communion Service at 7 Fiveways
Boulevard, Keysborough and via
livestream link: https://villagechurchau.
faithlifesites.com/live
Easter Sunday 4th April -10.00 a.m.
Worship Service at 7 Fiveways
Boulevard, Keysborough and via
livestream link: https://villagechurchau.
faithlifesites.com/live

#### Sundays

10.00 a.m. Worship Service at 7
Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via livestream link: https://
villagechurchau.faithlifesites.com/live
\*Kids Church at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough – exit from main church service for Kids Church program at 10.30am to 11.45am, children from birth to Grade 6. All welcome.

#### Life Groups:

\*Tuesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 20th April. Contact office for Zoom link.

\*Wednesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 28th April. Contact office for Zoom link.

Sunday nights – 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 7-8.30pm. 4th and 18th April. Contact office for Zoom link.

#### Prayer Time:

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via Zoom link. Contact office for link. Monthly -Saturday 17th April; 9-10am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and via Zoom link; Monday 19th April 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom link. Contact office for links.

#### Bible Study:

\*Women's –Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Thursdays fortnightly 10-11.30am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and 2.30-4pm via Zoom, 1st and 29th April. Contact office for Zoom link. \*Open – Fortnightly Thursdays 22nd April on the Gospel of Luke via Zoom. Contact office for Zoom link. \*Not held during school holidays.

#### Women's Breakfast:

Our women's breakfast will be held at 8am-10am on Saturday, 1st May at the Salt Café, Heatherton Christian College, 316-322 Kingston Road, Clarinda. Sharon Ratten will be the guest speaker, sharing on the topic of child trafficking in Thailand. Registration is essential with payment of \$25 for a full buffet breakfast to be made on the day.

Bookings open on Sunday, 18th April and close Monday, 26th April 2021. Contact Faye Hardman on 0409 400 106 for bookings and further information.

#### Marriage & Family Support:

For nearly 80 years, Village Church has served the people of Dingley Village and its surrounding suburbs. We greatly value the involvement that we have always had in our community and desire to make a difference for the greater good of all. As a caring church, our heart is to serve the community, by having an impact in and amongst its families. In today's climate, families and marriages are under attack; many relationships are strained and are at breaking point. Many don't know where to turn, who to trust and as a result become despondent and disillusioned with life.

We believe that now more than ever, Village Church can play a pivotal role in strengthening and encouraging families, as we commit to giving our all to help you out. We have many gifted, equipped and willing members who would love to listen, encourage and give sound advice to you.

Village Church desires to help and would love to present practical solutions, to any and every area that brings tension, pain and confusion. Please give us a call on **0481 352 404**, we'd love to be able to encourage, support and strengthen you.

Our Church Office is at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough. Please feel free to call Lesley on **8712 8254** with any enquiries you may have and leave a message if the office is unattended. Our Pastor is Rodney Hole who may be contacted through the Church Office.

#### Christ Church Dingley 387 Old Dandenong Road, Dingley (at the roundabout)



Contact: admin@ccd.org.au or 9551 7871

Web: <u>www.ccd.org.au</u>

Our Vision: To be a Thriving, Need-Meeting and Life-Transforming Community with Jesus at the Centre.

#### **Sunday Services**

8.30am - Traditional Service with Holy Communion and Hymns. 10.30am - More Contemporary Service with Children's Program. CCD Weekly sermons can be accessed through our Website each Sunday. <a href="www.ccd.org.au">www.ccd.org.au</a> (Past services are accessible here also)

#### Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday (1 April): Join in an intimate participation in the Last Supper of Jesus 7.30pm.

Good Friday (2 April) 'Journey to the Cross'. A unique experiential journey with Christ through the last week and climax of his life - on site at Christ Church. Pre-register for different start times from 9.30am. See the website or call the office. Easter Day (4 April): Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at either 8.30 or 10.30 services. (Remember Daylight Saving ends 3am, 4 April).

# Tuesday Monthly Communion and Favourite Hymns

Every second Tues – next on 13 April 2pm. All welcome. Followed by afternoon refreshments. Transport available on request.

#### Alpha

Exploring Faith with food, fun and friends - Commences Tuesdays 27 April 6.45pm-9.30pm (Meal included!) – and online on Thursdays 12.30-1.45pm. Don't miss this great chance to explore and discover the reality and power of Christian faith in the company of new friends at Christ Church Dingley. Register through the website or the office.

#### High Tea

Treat your mum to a classic and indulgent 'High Tea' as your Mothers' Day gift. Friday 2 May 2.30-4pm. Guest speaker and delightful atmosphere at Christ Church. Limited numbers so book early (with payment) at Christ Church Dingley. Cost: \$30.

#### **Roundabout Op Shop**

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#### Normal hours:

- Wednesdays 9.30am 4pm
- Thursday's 9.30am 1.30pm (new)
- Saturday's 9.30am 1.30pm

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Youth - Every Friday (during school term) 7pm-9pm. Year 7-12s welcome!

#### Church Office

For all enquiries contact the office: 9551 7871

#### Ministers

Vicar: Rev. Wayne Walters: **0425 163 730** Associate Minister: Rev. Tanya Cummings **0408 912 412** Youth & Children's Minister: Baden Harvey.

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**Our Vision -** Wherever there is hardship or injustice Salvos will live, love and fight alongside others to transform Australia, one life at a time, with the love of Jesus.

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