



THE DINGLEY DOSSIER

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If 2020 taught us anything it was the importance of local communities.

Technology in the 21st century has connected us with the world like never before, we are now a global community, watching events as they happen, traveling from one side of the world to the other in less than 24 hours, nations interdependent on each other their actions causing positive and negative effects around the world.

As we have experienced, a pandemic can sweep around the world and affect us all and whilst world wide solutions and actions were needed, local community actions had immediate profound effects, personally on us. Neighbour checked on neighbour, local businesses adapted to ensure supplies and services continued and local groups rallied to keep their communities connected and supported.

We saw Bears in Windows, book swaps, meal and food deliveries and people rediscovering their local parks and amenities.

We saw the hardship the pandemic caused, local businesses struggling or closing, people lost their jobs or had their hours significantly reduced, we were exposed to around the clock reporting on the pandemic and during lockdown our world shrunk to the streets around us, cutting many off from family and friends.

We saw the toll Covid-19 took when it got into Aged Care facilities and community spread numbers escalated resulting in strict health measures affecting every part of our lives.

Yet during all this there was a shift from 'I' the resident to 'We' the community and we all benefited in measurable and immeasurable ways. As individuals we do have the right to be safe, happy and have the opportunities to better ourselves but the pandemic showed that with our individual rights came a responsibility to the community that supports us, be that local or national.

Our individual rights should never be at the expense of others in our community and Australian's in the majority accepted that we needed to protect all of us no matter a person's age or health, their culture, or where they lived and worked.

Our actions meant our health system was able to cope with the pandemic and continue to provide vital health care for those who needed it such as newborns & mothers, those chronically ill, people experiencing an emergency health crisis and those undertaking ongoing health treatments for cancer etc.

As a community most of us can look back at how we acted over the last 12 month and be proud, as the saying goes

'THE TRUE MEASURE OF ANY SOCIETY CAN BE FOUND IN HOW IT TREATS ITS MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS' and we measured up.

FARMERS' MARKET
SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY | 8:30 - 1:PM



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.

COMMUNITY

Don't forget to Shop & do Business Locally

Street Libraries

During the most recent lockdown a local family came up the idea of setting up a community library at the front of their house.

The Library box was created by the Kilmore Men's Shed (Families dad is a member there). The rules are that you can grab a book or you can leave a book. No one is keeping track so if you take more books than what you leave then that is ok. Books from all ages and genres are welcome, especially kid's books.

The location of the Community Library is 30 Centre Dandenong Rd (same location as Amrita Yoga), next to Shell service station and opposite the mini golf.



If you would like to start a street library, or already have one, the Neighbourhood Centre has a book exchange with a large collection of adult fiction. Drop in for a selection of books, to start up or re-stock up your street library.

Police Assistance

Lost jewellery or come home to a smashed window or graffitied fence? Report it online at [police.vic.gov.au](https://www.police.vic.gov.au) or call the Police Assistance Line on **131 444**. It's for when you need the police, but not the sirens.

Dingley Village Library

Dingley Village Library returns to normal hours and looks forward to welcoming you to your local library, no booking required though capacity restrictions may apply.

Many programs are returning plus new programs aimed at both children and youth, see flyers further in the Dossier or check out the Kingston Library website.



Library Opening Hours

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9am - 12pm	Closed	9am - 12pm 2pm - 6pm	9am - 12pm 2pm - 6pm	2pm - 6pm	9am - 2pm	Closed

NEW KIDS MOVIE CLUB

Enjoy a monthly movie screening at Dingley Library just for kids on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Held during school terms only.

A great opportunity for primary school aged kids to get together after school and relax with some snacks and a movie.

Dingley Library
4-6pm

3 February

3 March

5 May

2 June

Movies will be
rated G or PG.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

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SES: 13 25 00

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Exchange):**
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Safe Steps:
1800 015 188

Tip Smells & Dust:
1300 372 842

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1800 213 753

Aircraft Noise:
1800 802 584

Neighbourhood Centre:
9558 1866

Community Association:
9551 5442

Men's Shed:
9551 5892

**VicRoads Faults and
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13 11 70

RSPCA
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Community asked to help protect Kingston's natural assets

Kingston Council is calling on the community to help protect our 13 km of beautiful beaches and reserves, important vegetation and other natural assets across the city. Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said during the Summer months especially, local residents and visitors are out and about enjoying Kingston's wonderful natural recreation areas but that also increases the pressure on our natural environment.

"We need to make sure that while we are playing, walking, relaxing and celebrating we also respect the precious environment around us," said Cr Staikos. "Help us to keep Kingston clean and beautiful, remember to remove and bin all rubbish when you leave for the day.

In response to the increase we are seeing in visitors to our reserves and foreshore areas and the use of our litter bins, Council has increased bin services over the past weeks. This has included a mix of additional collections, increased monitoring by officers and providing additional bins in hot spots.

We are also in the process of planning the roll out of bin sensors in areas to enable a rapid response to full bins.

"We are also lucky to have some high quality, valuable habitat vegetation along Mordialloc Creek and in other areas. Sticking to the main paths when out enjoying nature is important to protect our natural environment."

Council wants to remind people that there are substantial fines and the potential for prosecution for anyone caught vandalising vegetation. We urge the community to report vandalism taking place. Our vegetation is critical in stabilising dunes, safeguarding against erosion and provides valuable habitat for local fauna. It is an offence to interfere with, remove or damage any vegetation on Crown Land.

"Many might not realise that Council will plant at least five trees to replace any tree that is destroyed by vandalism and will also erect a sign to indicate vandalism has occurred," said Cr Staikos. "The sign will remain in place until the new trees are as tall as the tree that has been destroyed."

"Our beautiful foreshore and other reserves are home to a variety of remnant vegetation and provide habitat for local fauna. It is there for the entire community to enjoy and we want your help to make sure it is protected for future generations."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Hey Dingley, AKA our Christmas Angels...

We all know 2020 was a year like no other, right? Well the same was true for us at Kingston City Salvos. Throughout lockdown we stayed open providing essential services to our community. We have journeyed with so many of you in different capacities over the past year and especially at Christmas. Many of you for the first time ever.

We have stood with you and watched you bravely face each day having lost your livelihood, not knowing where your next mortgage or rent payment would come from. We've listened to your heartbreak being separated from those you love & assured you you're not alone and in some cases we have become your 'family'.

We've helped you organise emergency accommodation, helped you feed your family, pay your bills, find shelter for you & your children when things turned bad at home under all the stress. We've sat with you, and it's been a privilege, as you have opened up to us, baring your soul through your tears; your anxiety, your heartbreak and devastation, and your mental health struggles. On the other hand, we've watched you come together as a community, recognising how blessed you and your family have been throughout such a tough year, but at the same time recognising how tough others are doing it...and deciding to do something about it.

We have witnessed you gather your workmates, your friends, your businesses, your families, & your classmates around those who suffered the most through a year of utter trauma. Many of whom were suffering alone, in silence - Ashamed, embarrassed and without hope ...had it not been for you. We witnessed you 'flood' us with donations. Food, Christmas treats, gifts, toys, clothing, and vouchers. One small call-out on Facebook to our community back in October and you came running. "Thank you" doesn't seem enough. You truly are a shining example of what it means to work together as a community. Because of you we were able to significantly assist over a hundred families at Christmas, each with store vouchers, gifts/toys and an enormous hamper packed with food & Christmas treats.

Our Christmas Blessings Day arrived on the weekend of 19th and 20th December where families, couples, and singles came to collect their assistance. As we loaded their hampers and huge black rubbish bags full of toys into people's vehicles, tears of joy flowed, overwhelmed with gratitude.

Those who had lost hope, we're now able to have a truly Happy Christmas, despite their situation. These families are now connected in at the Salvos, no longer alone.



For many of those community members we were able to assist, they are now able to see a 'light at the end of the tunnel' as we continue the journey with them to get them 'back on their feet'.

People regularly say to us "Thank God for the Salvos" but we say, "Thank you to YOU, our community". Without you we couldn't do what we do. We are just the privileged few who get to see the joy that your generosity brings to so many. You are our community's Christmas Angels (each angel on our Christmas tree represents a group or individual donation). Our prayer for you each in this new year, 2021, is that we wouldn't forget the things lockdown has taught us.

To value and care for people; our families, our friends, our neighbours, our local shop assistant and cafe worker. To look after each other, to check in on each other & to be kind. We are all people who need each other.

Thank you Dingley! Don't be a stranger. Pop in and say "hello" from time to time at 13/12-16 Garden Blvd. Dingley. - From the team at Kingston City Salvos.

Kingswood Golf Course

Recently the owners applied to chainsaw sixteen more trees. Unfortunately Council approved the removal of 6 trees and refused the removal of the remaining 10 trees. The Save Kingswood Group stated no trees should be removed as they are habitat for birds and animals and pose very low risk to experienced groundskeepers. The application (to chainsaw) even included trees determined by their own arborist to have a 1 in 500,000 risk of harm!

Whilst they continue this slow but sure denuding of the site, the owners ignore dangerous branches overhanging neighbours, paths and public areas. So their plan to make the Golf Course Park barren of flora and fauna is obvious. Please write to councillors to object to further removal of trees.

- President, Save Kingswood Group incorporated.
www.savedingley.com

KIDS CLUB EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

At Kids Club early learning centre we provide a welcoming and inclusive learning environment where our children are encouraged to learn through play and enjoy being in the moment of their early childhood.

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FARMERS MARKET



OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY.

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.

With summer here, our market will have lots of delicious food for outdoor dining from seasonal berries, items for sharing platters, fresh seafood to delicious desserts alongside all our regular produce. Sam & Jos from 280 Fresh Veg will have delicious flavourful tomatoes available and Hazelnut Valley is adding to their range.... All natural soaps handcrafted @ hazelnutvalley.



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.



Nothing like a quality cocktail when outdoors on a warm night and there is no cocktail as simple, yet so complex as the Old Fashioned.

- 60ml Natural Distilling Co Barrel-Aged Hemp Gin
- 1 sugar cube
- Orange bitters

Place a sugar cube into a rocks glass, add enough orange bitters to soak the sugar cube completely. Then add Gin, a large ice cube and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Garnish with an orange peel & native pepper - YUM!

DINGLEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY

20th February

8.30AM—1 PM

31 Marcus Rd,
Dingley Village

Free entry & parking

www.dvnc.com.au/farmersmarket

OUR COUNCIL

Kingston CEO appointed to key Victorian Government position

Kingston CEO Julie Reid has been appointed Executive Director of Local Government Victoria and will play a key role linking the state government and local councils. Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said the move was a sad loss for Kingston, but a great gain to help raise the profile of local government and strengthen ties with the Victorian Government.

"We are disappointed to farewell CEO Julie Reid so soon, but we understand that this new role is an amazing opportunity, and we now look forward to working closely with her in this fantastic new role," Cr Staikos said. "Julie will be a strong addition to Local Government Victoria and is well-placed to lead them into the future."

Kingston CEO Julie Reid said she was honoured to be appointed Executive Director of Local Government Victoria. The Mayor and Councillors will put in place the next steps to fill the role of CEO and expect to appoint an acting CEO at the January Council meeting before launching a recruitment process.

Kingston leads the way in diverting waste and keeping libraries up-to-date

Know Your Council results show that during 2019-20 Kingston Council has led the way when it comes to diverting waste from landfill, keeping our library content fresh and maintaining excellence in food safety standards at a low cost.

Council extends its support of Kingston's community sporting clubs to help them bounce back

Kingston's summer sporting clubs will be able to breathe a little easier this season, after Council approved an extension of the waiver of seasonal pavilion fees until 31 March 2021.

Kingston calls on the Government to find alternative site to keep the Chain of Parks alive

Kingston has called on the Victorian Government to work with Council to provide an alternative site for a much-needed regional sporting facility in our Green Wedge, after it was announced that land earmarked for the Chain of Parks will instead be acquired for the Suburban Rail Loop stabling yards.

Floating pontoon at Mordialloc Creek a win for accessible boating

Community members with limited mobility will soon be able to enjoy improved access to recreational boating facilities at Mordialloc Creek after Kingston Council approved a proposal to construct an accessible pontoon there.

Council deeply disappointed in Government decision to extend concrete crusher in the heart of the 'lungs of Melbourne'

Kingston Council is deeply disappointed that the Victorian Planning Minister has given an

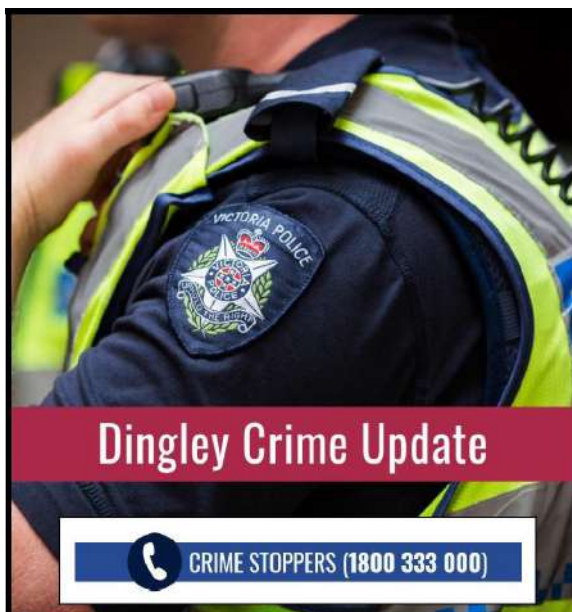
11th hour approval for a concrete crushing facility to remain in Kingston's Green Wedge for a further 10 years. Kingston Mayor Steve Staikos said Council simply cannot reconcile the decision of the Minister, who in 2015 introduced new laws to ensure the end of the waste industry in Kingston's Green Wedge.

"We can't help but feel that this is a broken promise to the community by granting a 10-year extension for the Alex Fraser Group's Clarinda concrete crushing facility which will allow it to operate in the Green Wedge until 2033," Cr Staikos said. "This decision goes against the clear intent of the 2015 protections that were approved to prohibit industrial waste operations in the Green Wedge."

Cr Staikos said it was now more important than ever that the Victorian Government takes urgent action to bring to life the long-held vision for a Chain of Parks in Kingston's Green Wedge. "In the face of this decision, we call on the Government to invest the \$25 million it promised at the last state election for our Green Wedge and immediately purchase key sites to further deliver the Chain of Parks."

City of Kingston media Releases can be found at:

<https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Media>



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

You wouldn't leave the house without your wallet, keys or phone. So why would you get in a vehicle without putting your seatbelt on?

Wearing a seatbelt gives you the best chance of survival if involved in a serious collision. Sadly lives could have been saved if people managed to do this simple task.

Whether you are travelling a short distance down the road or on a long journey – always wear a seatbelt. There's no excuse.

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



DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (DVCA)

DVCA hopes you have a Happy New Year in 2021

After a very memorable 2020 - we welcome in the New Year and wish every Dingley Village resident a safe and healthy 2021.

DVCA continues working to look after our unique village, which is such a great place to call home in Melbourne. We begin the year with an update on some major development proposals / issues currently happening in Dingley Village.

Alex Fraser Concrete Crushing Facility - Permit Extended for 10 More Years

In a major blow for our community, the Planning Minister has given a further 10 year permit extension to the Clarinda Recycling Facility operated by Alex Fraser on Kingston Rd Clarinda. This in effect, allows the concrete crushing facility to now operate until 2033.

Background

The Dingley Village community has battled long and hard to end industrial waste operations in the Kingston Green Wedge, with Planning Amendment C143

implemented in 2015 to protect the Kingston Green Wedge from future materials recycling and waste industrial operations.

After years of putting up with the smells, dust and trucks of recycling and waste operation in the Green Wedge, our community was looking forward to the end of concrete crushing at the Alex Fraser Clarinda site in 2023, when their permit to operate a concrete crushing facility at this site expired.

Alex Fraser made two applications to Council in 2019 to extend their operating permit for a further fifteen years until 2038. Council rejecting both applications in accordance with the Green Wedge planning zoning prohibiting future industrial waste operations.

In 2020 Alex Fraser's application to extend their operating permit for the Clarinda Recycling Facility was called in by the Victorian Minister for Planning and a Clarinda Recycling Facility Advisory Committee was appointed by the Planning Minister

to review the Alex Fraser Clarinda permit extension application. DVCA made a formal submission to the Committee against any permit extension for this site.

At the end of 2020, Alex Fraser was given a ten year permit extension by the Planning Minister. Following this extremely disappointing outcome, Council has now requested that the State Government fulfil their 2018 election promise to invest \$25 million to purchase key sites for the Chain of Parks Sandbelt Parkland.

"Cr Staikos said it was critical that the Government took urgent action to fulfil its public election commitment that 'The Sandbelt Parkland has been talked about for nearly 90 years, but only Labor will deliver it. A re-elected Labor Government will deliver a 355-hectare chain of parks from Warrigal Road in Moorabbin to Braeside Park in Dingley Village, with walking and bike trails and adventure play areas for local kids'."

City of Kingston Media Release Council deeply disappointed in Government decision to extend concrete crusher in the heart of the 'lungs of Melbourne' 27 November 2020



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Hawthorn Football Club (HCC) Developments

Background

In 2017 Hawthorn Football Club purchased 28 hectares at 94 Tootal Rd for the Club's new home in Dingley Village, which will be called the Kennedy Community Centre in honour of club legend John Kennedy Snr... Club headquarters and a state of the art training facility are to be built, costing around \$100 million.

A planning permit for the project was approved by the Minister for Planning in August 2016 (Amendment C161).

What's Happening Now

Hawthorn Football Club has now received a Federal Government funding for their future headquarters.

Over the past two years, HCC revised their new headquarter plans, increasing provision of community facilities and AFWL development, with HCC intending the Kennedy Community Centre to be the home ground for Hawthorn's future AFWL team.

In recognition of these proposed plan changes, federal government announced in November 2020 provision of a \$15 million grant to HCC for the proposed development:

"To help create a facility with a community pavilion and oval built to AFLW specifications, featuring gender-equal facilities and amenities, as well as flexible education and learning spaces."

These proposed plan changes have been considered by Council as a combined Planning Scheme Amendment C180 and Planning Permit KP- 2019/359 and in March 2020 Council referred them to an Independent Planning Panel.

Following this review, in August 2020, Council adopted these changes and submitted them to the Planning Minister for approval. The new Headquarters and Training Centre are expected to be completed within 10 years, following finalisation of planning permits and project funding for the new Club Headquarters construction.

Surf n Play Aqua Park Development Proposal - 321 Old Dandenong Rd

New plans have been re-submitted to Council by Pellicano for a Surf n Play Aqua Park, to be built on a four hectare site at 321 Old Dandenong Rd Dingley Village. The development, if built, would be the largest indoor and outdoor water park in the southern hemisphere, costing an estimated \$100 million.

The proposed Surf n Play Aqua Park development would include:

- An Endless Surf park, which includes a wave pool with 1.8 metre high waves, zoned for both beginners and experienced surfers.
- 1.8 hectares of indoor pools
- 1.3 hectares of outside space incorporating a man-made beach.

Pellicano has consulted with VicRoads and Melbourne Water on site issues for the proposed development over the past 18 months and have now submitted a revised development plan to Council - Application No: KP-2019/121.

For further information please visit the DVCA website: www.dvca.info/Aqua.html

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, 2nd Tuesday each

month (except Dec. & Jan.) at 7.30pm and new members are most welcome to attend. Meetings are being held via Zoom during any Corona virus shutdown period.

DVCA Contact Details

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

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WHATS ON AT THE DINGLEY LIBRARY

Whats On For Children & Youth At Dingley Village Library



Tiny tots rhyme time

For babies & toddlers 0-24 months. Encourage a love of stories and reading with your baby at 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 baby. Enjoy the company of other babies and parents and get to see our new books for and about babies and toddlers before anyone else. **Wednesday 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.

Best of all Story Time fosters a love of books and reading! Borrow books after each session to share at home and continue the fun.

Thursday 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 session. Enjoy short stories and songs, followed by simple sensory play activities in this 30 minute activity. **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?
Times: **2nd Thursday of each month 4-5pm , 11th February 11th March 13th May 10th June.**



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!

Hands-on 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.

Friday 4 pm



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a responsible adult while in the library. Check out children's and youth programs at the other libraries in the City of Kingston.

Phone: 1300 135 668
Web: library.kingston.vic.gov.au
Email: library@kingston.vic.gov.au

LOOKING AT LOANS



Is 2021 Your Best Buying Opportunity?

As the vaccine is rolled out and Australia recovers from the recession, 2021 has started out as the year of the home buyer. Have you re-assessed your position? Ironically the Covid-19 lock down has increased savings levels across Australia. That has for many potential home buyers increased their available deposit.

Household weekly spending changes such as more eating at home and lower entertainment expenses have improved living expense habits. This has driven increased savings, but importantly has also allowed more cash flow to be available for home loan repayments, which increases the amount banks will lend to you.

Review your budget. How many of your spending changes will or can become permanent if that allows you to buy your dream home? Record low interest rates below 2% then amplify these changes, assisting affordability levels both from an individual budgeting perspective and from the bank servicing perspective.

Multiple government support options are also potentially available to benefit home buyers. There is the homebuilder grant (currently \$15,000 for a limited time) and up to 50% stamp duty discounts for Victorian home buyers up to \$1 million purchase price.

For first home buyers there are other stamp duty discounts available, and the Federal First Home Loan Deposit Scheme.

Adding to the opportunity, the adoption of work from home employment policies have allowed many to look at a home purchase further afield, where prices are more affordable. Increased demand in regional areas is resulting in increasing prices, but bargains are still to be found.

Did you remain employed through the pandemic? Are you ready to move? We have many first home buyers and home upgrade clients who were not able to buy 6 months ago, but have now positioned themselves to buy, and are active in this market.

Affordability has improved, maybe more than you realise. For many there is a current window of opportunity which may not remain open for long.

DON'T MISS OUT. CALL US NOW FOR REVIEW, 2021 MAY BE YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

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LOCAL SPORTS

Dingley Football Netball Club

The Dingley Football Netball Club hoped you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and may 2021 give you all you wish for.



Our club supporters, sponsors and hardworking volunteers are hoping for something like a normal return to the ovals and courts on which we have experienced great times over recent years. In anticipation of some footy action in coming months, nothing has been left to chance throughout 2020. Our committee and coaching staff have been working hard to continue to keep the club as the benchmark club for the Southern Football Netball League.

Just about the full list of players from the 2019 season have recommitted for 2021, several great new players have also come on board and large numbers have been training throughout winter. Enthusiastic messages from many of those players are on our website and it makes encouraging reading for next year's footy action.

Our fantastically loyal sponsors are also listed on the website and we encourage all Dingley people to support those businesses. Our netballers have also been busy with good playing numbers and at the time of writing these notes they were looking to 'top up' their coaching staff, especially for the lower grades. There are opportunities for netball lovers to get involved as coaches at the local level. Once again, details are available on the Dingley Football Netball Club website.

Since the last football action, the footy club has experienced something of a baby boom, with potential brand new footballers and netballers appearing at regular intervals.

Senior Coach Danny Ades is one of the new dads around the place, but rumours that Danny was planning to replace the traditional pre-season training's gruelling 'beep test' with a 'speed nappy change challenge' are however, untrue.

See you all in 2021.

Dingley Tennis Club



We have a new coaching team at Dingley Tennis Club - SMARTennis will be running all our coaching programs beginning January 2021.

For all enquiries, please contact Andrew on 0433 339 491 or email at andrew@smartennis.com.au.

We have 3 nights of night competition and would welcome anyone that is interested in joining.

- Monday Nights – Men's Comp, A and B grades.
- Wednesday Nights – Mixed social Comp
- Thursday Nights – Open A Grade.

For more info email: admin@dingleytennisclub.com.au.



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Ocular first aid: If you cannot get in to see an optometrist

Happy 2021 everybody!

On Christmas day, my son gave me an amazing gift. For anyone with experience with young children, especially toddlers, you may have a similar story to this one. My son was a bit too young to appreciate the spectacle of Christmas this year, but we wanted to create as many memories as we could for him to look back on when he's a little bit older.

We started our morning with presents, and after being mesmerised by all the colourful wrapping paper, which was obviously far more interesting than the Duplo and crayons from Santa – he waddled over to me, his arms outstretched for a cuddle.

He had a big beaming smile and as I picked him up, one of his little hands pulled my glasses off my face while the other hand, collected the inner corner of my eye.

During my career, I have seen first-hand how these cute, seemingly innocent little fingers can inflict a whole lot of damage. For some reason, baby fingernails are sharper than a set of professional chef's knives, and when they come in contact with the conjunctiva (the white part of your eye) or the cornea (the clear, front surface) it can be incredibly painful and uncomfortable.

People who experience corneal or conjunctival abrasions may notice symptoms like:

- Foreign body sensation and discomfort
- Redness
- Tearing and watering
- Blurred vision
- Light sensitivity

The best thing to do if you ever find yourself in this situation, is to get yourself to an optometrist as soon as possible, so they can assess the surface of your eye and check the extent of the injury. If, however, you find yourself in a position like myself on Christmas day, you may need to administer some ocular first aid such as:

- Rinsing the eye with saline solution or cooled boiled water – if there is a foreign object in your eye, this will help to flush it out.
- Avoid rubbing your eye – this will make the scratch worse.
- Stop all contact lens wear – if there is a scratch on the cornea, contact lenses will slow the healing process and put you at more risk of a secondary infection potentially developing.
- Avoid eye makeup.
- Wear sunglasses – especially if you are experiencing light sensitivity, this will make you feel more comfortable.
- Use lubricant eye drops (easily accessible over the counter) – avoid anything targeted at "reducing redness" and stick to formulations that are unpreserved.

Thankfully for me, my son only caught the corner of my eye, and my insider knowledge and first aid helped me get on top of it before it completely ruined my Christmas.

Lucky he's cute. 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 and your eyes if you get caught in an uncomfortable situation where your eyes need some first aid assistance.

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NBL SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE PHEONIX

Ashfords Accountants & Advisory Announces Major Partnership with NBL Team, South East Melbourne Phoenix in an Industry First

Ashfords is proud to announce a new major partnership with South East Melbourne Phoenix (SEMP) as the club heads into their second season in the NBL.

As one of the largest Accounting and Advisory firms in the South-East, Ashfords made the strategic move to partner with SEMP, the national basketball league's ninth and newest team, as a major sponsor through to the end of the NBL22 season.

Ashfords CEO, Greg Cusack, says "Ashfords see this as a great opportunity to support a new business in our local area and be involved alongside them as we both continue to grow our connections in the hard-working and passionate 'basketball heartland'.

SEMP aligns with our corporate values so we feel proud to be associated with them. We are excited to see where this opportunity takes both Ashfords and SEMP."

Ashfords will take pride of place on the SEMP jersey and will also become the presenting partner of the PNK Network, the club's business networking program.

Phoenix CEO Tommy Greer says joining forces with Ashfords is a perfect alignment for the club.

"We often speak about building meaningful connections with the South-east community and forming a strategic partnership with Ashfords is a huge step in the right direction for us as we embark on our second season in the competition," Greer said.

"We welcome Ashfords to the Phoenix family and look forward to forming a strong relationship for many years to come."

Currently located in Dingley Village, Ashfords are set to re-locate to a brand-new office in Dandenong South early in 2021, ensuring they are well-placed to service their vast network of clients into the future.

Ashfords wide range of professional services includes business management & advisory, wealth planning, taxation, superannuation, business services, audit and BizTech (IT solutions) For more information visit www.ashfords.com.au

South East Melbourne Phoenix are the NBL's newest franchise, based in Australian basketball's Heartland.

Their first season saw them set records for the highest attendance for a home debut, first NBL franchise in history to win their first three games and highest first year average attendance for a brand-new franchise in the NBL.

For all media enquiries, please contact Louise Westaway, Marketing Manager.
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DOLLARS & SENSE



How the assets test affects the age pension

The basic rule for receiving an age or service pension is to ensure it goes to those people who need it. To determine how much each person is paid, pension recipients are subject to means testing on income and assets.

Two tests are applied and the one paying the lowest age pension is the one that is used. Many retirees pass the income test but fail the tougher assets test. This means they get a reduced pension or no pension at all.

This is how it works

To illustrate how the assets test applies let's look at Tom, Dick and Harry. They are all single homeowners and qualify for the age pension based on their age and income. For simplicity the income test is ignored in this example. Tom has assets of \$150,000. He can have assets of \$268,000 so he gets the full age pension of \$944.30 per fortnight (including pension supplements).

Dick has assets of \$280,000. He is over the assets test threshold for a single homeowner. Centrelink holds details of his assets and income and has been able to recalculate his age pension automatically. His age pension is reduced by \$3.00 per fortnight for each \$1,000 over \$268,000 ($\$3.00 \times 12.00 = \36.00). Therefore his age pension will be \$908.30 per fortnight.

Harry has assets of \$400,000. Using the assets test rules he too can receive a partial age pension as he is able to have assets of up to \$583,000. Harry can receive up to \$548.30 a fortnight based on the assets test.

The effects of assets

Take care when you add up your assets. Some assets (like your home you live in) are not counted.

Other assets (such as private pensions and funeral bonds) may be treated concessionally. Your lifestyle assets (such as cars and home contents) are assessed at their 'fire sale' value.

The level of assets where the age pension cuts out under the assets test increases on 20 March and 20 September each year when the age pension is indexed. The assets test threshold is also indexed each year on 1 July.

Different assets test limits apply to couples and non-homeowners, so it can be quite confusing. The best idea is to talk to us to ensure you are receiving the correct payments.

Adrian Mastroianni
Client Service Administrator
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Two Sisters Achieve the Remarkable During Lockdown by Running and Walking 1,883 km .

Melbourne's lockdown meant that two sisters from Killester College could put their efforts into achieving something to remember by entering 49 Virtual races between the two of them.

For some lockdown may have meant more time to relax and indulge in their favourite sitcoms, but for two sisters who attend Killester College, Jade and Eden, it meant that they could enter and complete as many virtual races as possible. During the extensive lockdowns in Victoria, between the two of them, they entered 49 virtual races, across 13 countries and ran/walked 1,883 km.

Once the first lockdown began they started researching the many virtual events available across the globe. They realised that these virtual races would give them something positive to remember from their time in lockdown. It also meant that they could continue keeping fit and healthy.

They entered events in Germany, England, America, Australia, New Zealand, and more. They virtually trekked the Inca Trail, The Ring of Kerry, Hadrian's Wall and The Great Ocean Road. Jade was the first in the world to finish The Shark Bay challenge of 180km. Between the two of them, 55 trees were donated and planted on their behalf, they supported breast cancer awareness by participating in a Mothers Day walk, and supported Heart Kids Australia through the Shark Bay event.



Their mum Sandy commented that:

"These events gave them something to work towards. I hope when they're older, they'll look back at this pandemic and be proud of what they achieved."

When asked what their favourite virtual race was Eden commented that it was "the Mothers Day walk because we were raising money and my Aunty was going through breast cancer at the time.

"Jade commented that hers was the "Shark Bay because it was raising money for kids and I loved the shark medal." As to what was the hardest race was Jade said it was the Great Ocean Road because it was really cold and wet on a lot of the days and she really wanted to finish as quickly as possible.

Their school, Killester College is immensely proud of what they have accomplished. It goes to show that determination, hard work and grit pays off. Sally Buick, Killester College's Principal commented that

"The Gundry sisters are a living embodiment of the College motto of strength and kindness, we are very proud of their achievements in 2020 and can't wait to see what challenges they set themselves in 2021".



About: Killester College is an independent Roman Catholic secondary day school for girls, located in the Melbourne suburb of Springvale, Victoria, Australia. Killester was founded by the Brigidine Sisters. Today, Killester College works under the governance of the Kildare Ministries following Brigidine tradition.

CIRCLING THE CLUBS

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club (Voice Interests Education of Women)

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club (View, Interest, Education of Women) looks forward to resuming our monthly meetings second Tuesday of the month at Keysborough Golf Club Hutton Rd Keysborough at 1000 to 1130am. Commencing Tuesday February 9th 2021.

VIEW meets for friendship, education and clubs support The Smith Family education programme for vulnerable Australian children helping the 1 million Australian children living in poverty. For further information contact Fran Thomas - franniet@gmail.com or 0419309931.



Rotary Club Noble Park – Dingley

Rotary welcomes in 2021 and we hope that for all it will be a better year than last. We have had to think out of the box in raising funds for the many projects we have continued to support, and at this stage we have maintained our normal giving and support which is a pretty good effort.

We targeted local projects like sponsoring the Cyber Security session for local primary school parents which was facilitated by Kingswood Primary School as well as projects which did not have a financial cost such as collecting and distributing health and beauty products to St Kilda Mums who help new mums with limited funds and some pre-loved smart interview clothes to Groomed to Go who outfit disadvantaged people going for job interviews. We are starting the year with a bbq in Braeside Park and it looks like we will be back at our normal weekly meetings at the end of January which take place at Keysborough Golf Club on a Thursday evening at 6.15pm.

We break for dinner during the meeting. We are a group of like-minded people having fun and wanting to make the world a better place. If you would like to come and try Rotary please contact our President, Reny Frighetto on 0437 080333 or frighettoreny@gmail.com.



Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

The current restrictions have forced the Group into temporary lockdown with the closure of our weekly meeting venue and other places that we would normally frequent for entertainment and meals. When we are able to resume our activities it will be back to business as usual.

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 pm where the Group meet for a casual chat and a drop of your preferred beverage.

A list of proposed activities over the next month or so would be available at these gatherings. Regular activities undertaken by the group include dinners, theatre nights, movies, BBQs, picnics, breakfasts, concerts, holidays, trips, walks and dinner dances. For our members and the Dossier readers try to keep in touch with your friends and relatives in these trying and restrictive times.

When things get back to normal we will be 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 did manage to have a pre-Christmas picnic at Braeside Park but as yet we have not begun in 2021.

Probus Club Dingley Central

When we resume, our meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at 9.30am for 10.00am start at "The Salvation Army Kingston City", 12-16 Boulevard, Dingley Village. For more information about Dingley Central Probus please contact our secretary, Ruth, on 9587 0432.

Probus Club of Dingley Village Inc.

We will meet on the first Thursday of the 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.



Lions Club of Dingley Village

We are in need of new members. This is a great opportunity to help your community.

For any enquiries please contact Lynne 9551 3770 | 0488 004 809. E: dingleylions@gmail.com



Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a Happy New Year. Hopefully 2021 will be much better for everybody. Sadly, our Vice President, Maureen Hennigan, passed away suddenly just before Christmas. Another Member, Michael Spence, passed away suddenly just after Christmas. Our thoughts are with all of their families at this sad time.

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

We are planning to recommence meeting up, with a Bingo Afternoon, on Monday the 8th of February 2021 in the New Harold Box Hall (all being well of course!). Arrangements should be confirmed with our President, Lyn, on 9585 5039 or our Secretary, Sandra, on 9558 1490.

Country Women's Association Dingley Village

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During 2020 our activities were somewhat curtailed due to Covid. We held our AGM outside with limited numbers. Our new president is Cathy, Secretary - Diana, Craft Leader - Irene, with various other members in supporting roles. In December we enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Cheltenham RSL which was well attended and it was good to catch up with everyone face-to-face, and in January we held a morning tea at the RSL which was very enjoyable. Our Business meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month and Craft meetings are held on the second Wednesday. During 2021 hour meetings will be subject to Covid guidelines. If you would like more information on C.W.A. or would like to consider becoming a member please contact Diana on 0409 031 942.



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 who create 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, once restrictions are lifted, at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 9.30-12pm and the 4th Sunday of the month 2-5pm.

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. Ph. 9551 5892. E-mail: info@dvms.org.au Website: www.dvms.org.au

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

CHURCHES

As restrictions are constantly changing, check with individual churches for any changes or updates.

Village Church Dingley



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Our Church program for FEBRUARY is as follows: With the lifting of restriction, some of these may return to face-to-face gatherings as well as offer Zoom options. Please check our website for updates or ring the office to confirm.

SUNDAYS

10.00 a.m. Worship Service at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via livestream link: <https://villagechurchau.faithlivesites.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. 2nd and 16th February. Contact office for Zoom link.
*Wednesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 10th and 24th February. Contact office for Zoom link.
Sunday nights – 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 7-8.30pm. 7th and 21st February. 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 – Monday 15th February 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom link; Saturday 20th February; 9-10am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and 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, 4th and 18th February. Contact office for Zoom link.
*Open – Fortnightly Thursdays 11th and 25th February on the Gospel of Luke via Zoom. Contact office for Zoom link.
*Not held during school holidays.

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, but contact is recommended by phone on **8712 8254** until the current restrictions are lifted.

Please feel free to call Lesley 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.

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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.

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(NB. only one Mass on Sunday).

Some important dates for the February day:
3rd February: St Brigid of Ireland
2nd February: Presentation of Our Lord
3rd February: St Blaise – blessing of throats
11th February: Our Lady of Lourdes

17th February - Ash Wednesday – start of Lent
 20th February - Sts Jacinta & Francisco Marto – Seers of Fatima
 22nd February - The Chair of St Peter
 23rd February - St Polycarp Bishop & Martyr

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 10.30 a.m.

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Kingston City Church



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Church Service Live Streamed on Sunday mornings at 10am.
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 Sunday Services: 10am Service has Children's Ministry.

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FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

The Friends' constitution gives many objectives for the Group. They include promoting, encouraging, supporting, seeking grants, assisting and co-operating with the community and Parks Victoria for the improvement of Braeside Park and the Green Wedge where it is located.

Over the last five years, the Friends have had to become advocates for Braeside Park as well. This was something that members of the Group previously thought that they would never have to do. Over the last 30 years, Victorian Governments have taken resources from Parks Victoria. By 2021, the Park has 2 full-time rangers, and a couple of part-timers. What this actually means is that Braeside Park has only drive-through surveillance twice a day on many weekends, and that the facilities in the Park are years beyond when they should have been replaced. (It is now the Friends group who greet and guide many community group walks through the Park.) The Friends in response have lobbied: the local Members of Parliament, the Minister of the Environment, and the Premier.

Then, there is the increasing encroachment on Braeside Park as a natural, open, green space; rather than as land for government bodies to favour interest groups who would like somewhere more for dogs, horses, trail bikes, tents, canoes, drones, kites, remote control playthings and fishing rods but do not want to pay for land. There are those who want cafes and outside dining facilities, and clubhouses. (No doubt there are lobbying developers who want to build a housing estate on all Park land too.) Braeside Park is part of a long-standing plan with the alleged support of both Kingston Council and the State Government (even to the point of promising \$25 million at the last state election) for a Chain of Park linking Karkarook Park through the Kingston Green Wedge to Braeside Park.

In the past few years, the attack on the Green Wedge and the Park is more insidious. The building of the Mordialloc Freeway beside the Park' southern and western borders means long-term particle, light and noise pollution. The responsible authority, Victorian Major Roads Projects Authority, is obliged to consult but dismissed Friends and Environment Groups with experience managing and observing their local environment.

Local Councils, Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water, being government agencies or dependants, could do and then did little. Biodiversity, natural things like trees, small animals, insects, birds and frogs are not part of the State Government's plans to win seats and to boost an economy based on speedy construction. The next attack on the Green Wedge was yet more "consultation" on "Planning of Environmental Infrastructure for an Increasing Population." We were a bit excited to see the word "environmental" but the next word was the dampener.

Duly, the Friends read the paper, and wrote a submission. Then came the Covid-19 virus showing the true worth of Braeside Park and the Green Wedge to the community, but obviously not the State Government. Restrictions such as one-hour's exercise per day saw the Park inundated. Surely, that would make anyone see value in open green spaces for physical and mental respite? No!

The next planning paper for "consultation" appeared. "Planning for Melbourne's Green Wedges and Agricultural Land." This paper would have you believe that it protects a green wedge expanded to a 100km radius from central Melbourne. to "give non-urban rural uses primacy".

However, the paper contradicts itself.

Simply, the Green Wedge, is still under attack. And if you did not get that, then (1) on 17 November 2019, the Victorian Planning Minister gave an 11th hour approval for a concrete crushing facility to remain in Kingston's Green Wedge for a further 10 years. The Kingston Council had voted not to renew the licence and even offered an alternative site in Dandenong South's Industrial zone. (2) On 16 December 2020 Premier Andrews announced that the latest Train Loop's train stabling yard would be at Heatherton in the Green Wedge, smack in middle of the (former?) Chain of Parks. Of course, there will be a public "consultation" but this is just box ticking- I know!

The Victorian Government's standard Machiavellianism was most obvious in the timing. The first detailed documents of where the \$50 billion rail line's 26-kilometre first stage will run were released on December 21 2020. That is the same day that Premier Daniel Andrews released the final report of an inquiry into mistakes made in Victoria's hotel quarantine programme and 4 days out from Christmas. What better time to bury anything you do not want the public to know!

Once again, the Friends began reading the "consultation" paper, and attending the on-line consultation session, and will submit their thoughts. Parks Victoria's Braeside Park Precinct Plan and the plans for the Dingley's Kingswood Golf course are idling somewhere until another busy day shortly before a public holiday. Advocacy is now the foremost purpose of the Friends, because without the security of the Green Wedge and the Park's environment there is no Friends' Group. Why bother, you may ask? Because someone, some group, in fact everyone should stand up for the environment on which we all depend for air, food, water and sanity while just dreaming of some alternative world where governments act honestly, consistently, with principle and even common decency.

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