



# THE DINGLEY DOSSIER

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## EXCITING YEAR AHEAD FOR THE DINGLEY VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Board, staff and volunteers of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre are looking forward to 2022, following changes in management staff and the commencement of Stage Two of the redevelopment of Community facilities at 31 Marcus Road.

The end of 2021 saw the retirement of the Centre Manager Pam Gates and appointment of Trudy Pritchard to the position. Trudy is well placed to take over and progress the Centre following a thorough succession process implemented by the Board.

Pam started at the Centre in 1997 on a 6-month contract to develop education courses and stayed on as Program Coordinator and then Centre Manager.

During her tenure, the Centre gained registration as approved adult education provider and accessed state funding for range of Computer, small business, and literacy classes. An off-site English as a Second Language program was developed and implemented in Clarinda and Westall. Thanks to funding from Dingley Village Bendigo Bank a modern Computer lab and training room was set up providing computer literacy classes and workshops.

In 2012, Pam in her role as Centre Manager, mentored a group of local male residents to establish a Men's Shed at Braeside Park. Drove the planning and development of the the Dingley Village Farmers Market prior to its opening in 2017 and in 2018 became Editor of The Dingley Dossier when the Centre took over as publisher.

In 2019 Pam completed the detailed approval process for the Centre to become a Commonwealth Child Care Subsidy provider then guided the Centre through nearly two years of pandemic, leaving the Centre in a strong position to move forward.

The City of Kingston delivered to the local community, a beautiful purposeful library, hall, and community space with the completion of Stage One and Stage Two will complement this. There will be additional kindergarten and childcare space in a fit for purpose facility plus Maternal and Child Health Service and additional community meeting space all connected to Stage One.

With upgrade works commencing on the Sports Club, Dingley Village will have access to modern community facilities in the 31 Marcus Rd precinct at the completion of all works.

Simone Hardham, President of Board of Governance of the Neighbourhood Centre stated that whilst Stage Two will cause some disruption to and relocation of many programs and services the end benefit for the community, will be well worth it.

Stage Two will provide exciting new possibilities in programs and services that the Centre can offer to the community. Collaboration and partnerships opportunities with Dingley Village library and between MCHC, Childcare and Marcus Rd Kindergarten. The Centre is looking for Board members to guide the strategic direction of the Centre and provide skills for effective governance, if you are interested, please contact Trudy at [admin@dvnc.com.au](mailto:admin@dvnc.com.au) or **8512 0505**.

The Neighbourhood Centre is a local non-profit organisation receiving some funding from the State government and City of Kingston to provide community activities and services. The Centre also operates Little Villagers Childcare, the Dingley Dossier & Dingley Village Farmers' Market, it provides a home/meeting place for many local groups, advocates on behalf of residents and supports the advocacy work of other local groups.

Find out more [www.dvnc.com.au](http://www.dvnc.com.au).

## FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY | 8:30AM - 1:00PM



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# COMMUNITY

## LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

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### Neighbourhood Centre phone number changed

To contact the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre please call **8512 0505**  
The old phone number **9558 1866** is no longer in service.  
Call Little Villagers Childcare on **8512 0509**

### Well done Brei Abbott

Local resident and Personal trainer Brei Abbott took on the most fabulous challenge of walking and running 100km!! from Point Nepean to Port Melbourne on 6th November last year. Wow she was amazing, she not only completed the challenge in one day, but she also raised \$8300 towards Parkinson's Victoria. The inspiration for the challenge, was Humphrey Lyons who has had Parkinson's for 12 years and despite this crippling disease participates in her program x3 times a week to help him retain his mobility strength and endurance.

More than 30 people in Australia are diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease daily. "In recognition, respect and the utmost admiration of my personal training client Humphry and all those suffering with Parkinsons disease, I embarked on 100km trek to raise funds for Parkinsons Victoria" Brei stated.

You can donate to Parkinsons Victoria now known as Fight Parkinsons via their website [www.fightparkinsons.org.au](http://www.fightparkinsons.org.au).

### Commonwealth ATM removal

Have you used the CBA ATM near the post office and have seen a message flash on the screen that the machine is to be removed? This is the third occasion that the Commonwealth Bank has attempted or succeeded in removing its services to Dingley. The bank closed the Dingley Village branch and installed two ATM's These were subsequently also removed but after objections one of the machines was put back. Now the bank has again decided to remove the remaining machine.

Thank you to local resident David H who alerted the Dossier to this issue. Below are details on how you can make your concern known and demand that the ATM remains or be returned if already removed. You can make a complaint online at <https://www.commbank.com.au/support/compliments-and-complaints>.

Call 1800 805 605 (8am - 6pm, 7 days a week) Visit a branch. Write to the Commonwealth Bank complaints team (no need to use a stamp) at CBA Group Customer Relations Reply Paid 41 Sydney, NSW 2001.

### Local Charity thanks Dingley Village

Make A Difference is proud to report that we supported over 400 vulnerable families during the month of December. We provided them with food items, grocery vouchers, clothing, and toys for the children. It was a great effort by our staff and volunteers, and we sincerely thank them. We also thank the community of Dingley who arrived with supplies, and in particular the customers of the Bendigo Bank and our own Direct Chemist Outlet. We face the future with some trepidation as 2022 will bring its challenges. Anyone interested in supporting us, please visit our website at [maddv.com.au](http://maddv.com.au) or even drop by the office at 387 Old Dandenong Rd, Dingley Village. We look forward to Crazy Sox Day with the school children on 5th April and hope everyone takes part.

### Liberal Party Candidate for Isaacs endorsed

Mordialloc hotel operator and father of four Robbie Beaton will be the Liberal Party's candidate in the seat of Isaacs at the 2022 federal election. Mr Beaton has been selected by local party members to be a new and energetic advocate for the Isaacs community.

Contact Robbie:  
Email: [Robbie.beaton@vic.liberal.org.au](mailto:Robbie.beaton@vic.liberal.org.au)







# FARMERS MARKET

**OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**

**With Summer in full swing, there is a plentiful selection to tempt your taste buds.**

Pick up your favourite fresh and frozen berries from Santo and Cheryl at Yarra Valley Produce, Spud Sisters & 280 Fresh Veg will have the perfect ingredients for your summer salads and for that Quiche or Frittata Egg-erton Free Range Eggs, La Villa Salumi bacon, Blue Bay Cheese are the stalls for you. We have a diverse range of produce at the market from staples to special treats, as well as boutique drinks and complimentary products such as Roving Refills.

Check out our Facebook page on the Friday prior to each market for an updated list of stall holders attending on Saturday. While most of our stall holders are permanent, sometimes they are unable to attend <https://www.facebook.com/DingleyVillageFarmersMarket/>.

If you have not been before, you are missing out; pop in and see why many of Dingley Village residents love to shop at the Farmers' Market. Shop among the gum trees for your farm fresh seasonal produce at the Dingley Village Farmers' Market. Dogs must be on a 2m, or shorter leash Please ensure that leashes do not become a tripping hazard and dogs do not relieve themselves in the market area.



We ask that you be mindful of other people when bringing your dog onsite. Not all dogs are appropriate for the market setting. Large crowds, accessible food, small children and other dogs can challenge your dog's attention and behaviour. If your dog is not comfortable in public conditions, holds ANY reactive tendencies or is prone to barking, please ensure you leave them at home.



**LOCKDOWN OR COVID19 RESTRICTIONS: THE MARKET STILL OPERATES.**

Please comply with the rules for shopping during any restrictions, market staff and stall holders are not only complying with the law they are trying to keep our community safe.

During these times, the market is not a social event but a shop and go event and your cooperation is appreciated.



DingleyVillageFarmersMarket



## DINGLEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET

### SATURDAY

## 19th February

### 8.30AM—1 PM

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# DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## The DVCA wishes every Dingley Village resident a safe, happy and healthy 2022.

### Kingswood Golf Course Update

The State Government Hearing regarding the former Kingswood Golf Course concluded on 23 December 2021. Throughout the Hearing, Kingston Council's legal team represented our community very well indeed. We thank them greatly for their professionalism and excellence throughout the process.

The Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee is now preparing a report for the Minister of Planning, to be completed by the end of February 2022. The Minister of Planning will then make the final decision about the Kingswood rezoning and development proposal.

In December, DVCA members attended the Committee's Kingswood site visit, walking the golf course, enjoying its bushland, trees and rolling fairways. Accompanied on-route by a flock of black cockatoos and entertained by kookaburras, the natural beauty of this amazing space in the heart of our village simply spoke for itself.

### What Can You Do NOW To Save This Precious Open Space That Our Village Is Built Around?

Our local politicians and councillors have all supported our fight against Kingswood's development, but we need to make sure the ultimate decision makers – the Premier and Planning Minister – clearly hear our views. We hope you received our blue flyer, hand delivered by DVCA members to all letterboxes over Christmas, asking you to email:

**Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne:**  
richard.wynne@parliament.vic.gov.au, and  
**Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews:**  
daniel.andrews@parliament.vic.gov.au

In your own words, as short or long as you like, please write to them. They are our elected representatives, and as such they must:

1. Soundly reject this inappropriate rezoning and development proposal.
2. Support our community's needs, neighbourhood character and their own election promises, by preserving the precious green, open space and habitat of the Kingswood Golf Course.

After 7 years of amazing unity and effort from Dingley Village residents, the decision on Kingswood's future is finally about to be made. So now more than ever, please take a few minutes to write that final email. Let's flood their inboxes and make sure the decision makers reject this inappropriate development plan that provides no benefit at all to the community.

### Neighbourhood Character and Housing Study 2021 - Where Are We At?

The City of Kingston Neighbourhood Character and Housing Study 2021 currently awaits authorisation from the Planning Minister, for release and the commencement of a formal public consultation period. Following the consultation process, Council will then review and finalise the Study for approval by the Planning Minister and inclusion in Planning Scheme legislation.

This Neighbourhood Character and Housing Study for our municipality, aims to provide:

- A statement of preferred character for all residential areas
- Identification of special character areas
- Identification of areas suited to change and limited change

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### Spring Road Planting

Thanks to all those who joined us at Spring Road Reserve on a Saturday morning in December. It was all hands on-deck, including our local Federal Member Mark Dreyfus, with 2,500 native plants and grasses planted on the morning - great teamwork.

Thank you also to the Council staff who organised this latest planting. Amongst other projects, the planting forms part of the upcoming Spring Road Reserve Masterplan.

Further Spring Rd Reserve Working Bees will be held in 2022, so please keep your eyes peeled for the next session dates and join in to help with this important work to improve our park.

### DVCA

Please consider joining the DVCA. The DVCA is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village. Meetings are held in Harold Box Hall at the library, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7.30pm. New members are most welcome to attend.

### DVCA Contact Details

For further information please contact the Leigh (President) and Jon (Secretary) at [dvcasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dvcasecretary@gmail.com), or visit [www.dvca.info](http://www.dvca.info)



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# OUR COUNCIL

## Kingston to be home to three public electric vehicle charging stations

Kingston will soon boast several new public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations thanks to Council investment and Victorian Government grant funding. Mayor Steve Staikos said that Kingston Council is an active member of the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) and is passionate about a zero emissions future.

"We have declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency and have a target to reduce community CO2 emissions to net zero by 2030," said Cr Staikos. "To help us reach this target, we are committed to finding zero emission and energy saving transport solutions."

Following a successful grant application, Kingston Council recently secured state government funding for a new public charger at Peter Scullin Reserve in Mordialloc. This charger will be installed thanks to the Victorian Government's \$5 million Destination Charging Across Victoria (DCAV) Program.

Powered by renewable energy, it will provide a fast-charger that community members are encouraged to use, with multi-plugs for different electric vehicle types.

On top of the state government funded charger being installed in Mordialloc, City of Kingston is also in the process of separately funding and installing another public charger located in the car park behind Woolworths, on Bath Street, Chelsea, which will be operational in early 2022.

Melaleuca Ward Councillor Tim Cochrane is excited to see one of Kingston's first EV charging stations established in Mordialloc.

"Both stations will provide important charging pit-stops for anyone enjoying a coastal drive along the Nepean Highway. And are a short detour from East Link and the Mordialloc Freeway," Cr Cochrane said.

Longbeach Ward Councillor, Georgina Oxley, emphasised the importance of delivering public charging stations across Melbourne.

"The DCAV program is set to install approximately 141 electric vehicle fast-charging stations in 116 tourist and high-use areas across Victoria which will also see more chargers installed in our municipality, including the Morris Moor site in Moorabbin," Cr Oxley said.

Karkarook Ward Councillor and SECCA Representative, Cr Hadi Saab, emphasised the importance of addressing transport-related carbon emissions, which currently make up 21 per cent to Kingston's overall emissions profile.

"We will continue to look at other opportunities to support community members to opt for zero emission transportation options and hope these new electric vehicle charging stations provide some incentive for further uptake of electric vehicles in the area", Cr Saab said.

## Pet owners supported through new strategic plan

Kingston is giving extra support to local pet owners including 12 months' free first registration for your pet, review of mandatory desexing age, extra patrols of off-lead areas plus animal shelter support for victims of family violence.

The additional services for pet owners and their furry friends is a result of Kingston's new Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP).

Mayor Steve Staikos said the DAMP focuses exclusively on dogs and cats and aims to promote responsible pet ownership and provide a safer environment for all members of the community.

"We pride ourselves on being animal and pet friendly here in Kingston and this contemporary strategic plan reflects the community's needs", Cr Staikos said.

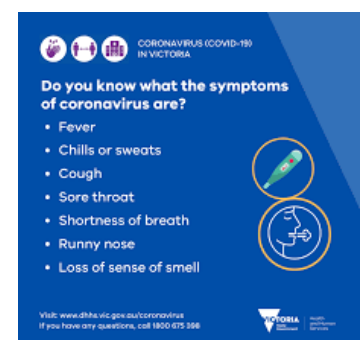
"The input we received from our community was particularly valuable and we believe the plan strikes the right balance and supports a safe co-habitation of people and our beloved pets."

Two rounds of public consultation informed the plan, which will be in place until 2025.

Council also undertook research into current industry strategies and practices, conducted targeted group meetings, reviewed available data relating to pet ownership, dog attacks, nuisances and research relating to dog and cat behaviour in developing the plan. The plan introduces new initiatives including:

- An enhanced registration process, incorporating free first pet registration, pro rata refunds, and a staggered pricing model. Meaningful actions to reduce unwanted litters and euthanasia by continuously promoting the discounted desexing vouchers and introducing a free desexing van.
- A review of existing Council orders such as the mandatory desexing age.
- The development of a dog off-leash policy.
- The provision of a temporary animal shelter to support victims of domestic violence.
- Additional patrols of our foreshore and reserves.
- Continued proactive education and the promotion of responsible pet ownership through comprehensive marketing collateral.

Read Kingston City's Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-25.





# SAVE KINGSWOOD

## Saving Kingswood

Thank you to all residents who supported our submission to the Golf Course Redevelopment Advisory Committee, or made a presentation yourself.

We also thank Kingston Council for their outstanding support of resident's views, engaging experts and legal representation to make a most comprehensive and persuasive submission.

Our Mayor Steve Staikos and Dingley Village (Caruana Ward) Councillor George Hua were especially supportive, along with all other councillors. Our local Federal member Mark Dreyfus drew upon his extensive planning experience, to produce his amazing document, supporting us.

We also appreciate the endeavours of the DVCA, who independently made a submission and much more. The next steps include the developer summing up and the Committee sending their advice to the Planning Minister. That could be late January, or during February.

The next progression in the Minister's department has a less defined timetable. The Minister will consider the Committee's recommendations and decide on re-zoning and development (if any). Another issue that is related to Kingswood, is the government's mandatory Neighbourhood Character and Housing amendments.

Council submitted a fair version for all of Kingston, but the Planning Department rejected it. The most concerning point in the current proposal is the requirement for three storey buildings near the Dingley Village shops.

We believe this is very much against Village character, especially as there are no three storey buildings between Dingley Village and Nepean Highway. It will also set precedent and weaken future objections to three storeys in nearby streets, including on Kingswood, where AustralianSuper wants approval for nearly 700 three storey units.

### So why is council not fighting this intensely?

The previous proposal was worse and Council believes if we object too strongly, the Government will decide for us, with a worse outcome.

If you are not on the Save Kingswood mailing list, or your email has changed in the last six years, please send an email to [savedingley@gmail.com](mailto:savedingley@gmail.com) with "mailing list" in the subject and your name and address in the message.

Kevin Poulter  
President

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## I'm approaching a 'milestone' birthday. What health checks should I have at my age?

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Haven't had a health check in a while, or ever?

You're not alone. Most people wait until they're sick to see a GP, so there's not usually much time in a consultation to also talk about preventative health. So, should you book a check with your GP just to talk about what you can do to stay well? And if so, what should you be discussing?

It depends on your life stage.

### Doctors won't check you for everything

It may surprise you there is no evidence that a "general health check-up" will give you better health outcomes.

Some preventive checks in low-risk and otherwise well patients have shown no benefit, including some blood tests and imaging investigations, such as whole body CTs or MRIs for cancer screening.

As well as being a waste of your time and money, there is another concern with generic health screening: it may lead to overdiagnosis, which results in additional tests, appointments, anxiety, drugs and even operations. Ironically, this can leave you less healthy.

This is why doctors don't "check you for everything" but are guided by what you personally would benefit from, based on your individual history, as well as which tests have evidence for their benefits outweighing any harms.

One of your doctor's key considerations will be your age.

### Young adults (20–30s)

The main evidence-based screening check for young adults is the cervical screening test for women. This is a five-yearly cervical swab which looks for the human papillomavirus (HPV) and pre-cancerous cells. When young women present for their cervical smear test, several other important preventative discussions often take place, including pregnancy prevention or planning.

As young men don't need an equivalent screening test, they often miss out on the chance to talk about prevention. Both men and women in this age group should find a GP with whom they feel comfortable discussing STI (sexually transmitted infection) checks, skin cancers, mental health struggles and intimate partner violence.

Even otherwise fit and healthy young adults should consider talking with their GP about what they can do to prevent chronic disease down the track. Health behaviours such as diet, sleep, smoking and exercise levels in young adulthood increase or decrease the risk of developing conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, strokes, and cancer down the track.

Finally, regular checks from dentists and optometrists can pick up problems early.

### 40–50 year olds

Despite the adage "life begins at 40", this is the age at which many of the things that can cause an early death are worth screening for. Current evidence shows benefits in assessing your blood pressure, cholesterol, and risk of heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease and skin cancer.

If you have a higher risk for certain cancers (such as breast or colorectal cancer), then screening for these may start around this age too. It's also not too late to improve your longevity with some lifestyle changes so discussing things like losing weight, stopping smoking, and improving your exercise are all important.

As with young adults, women should continue getting a cervical smear test every five years. And everyone should consider getting checked by a dentist and optometrist. Mental health may deteriorate around this age too, because the strain from looking after children, ageing parents and demanding careers can all come to a head. Input from a psychologist may be helpful.

### 50–65 year olds

Patients often comment on the 50th "birthday present" they find in the mail: a stool sample collection kit for colorectal cancer screening. While it's not the highlight of your 50s, it is effective in saving lives through early detection of this cancer, with checks recommended every two years.

Women will also be invited to start mammograms for breast cancer screening every two years (unless they have already started in their 40s, depending on their individual risk).

The third health issue to start screening for in your 50s is osteoporosis, a condition where bones become fragile and your risk of a fracture increases. Osteoporosis is painless and therefore often not discovered until too late. You can start checking your risk for this at home via an online calculator, such as this one from the Garvan Institute. Oral health and eye checks remain important in this age group as well.

### Over-65s


Several immunisations are recommended from the age of 65, including shingles and influenza, as your immunity starts to wane and your risk of serious illness increases.

Other preventative checks include those for your vision, dental health, hearing, and your risk of falls. These often involve allied health providers who can screen, monitor and treat you as needed. Some of your other regular screening will stop in your mid-70s, including for colorectal, cervical and breast cancer.

### First Nations people

The above age-related recommendations are for those with standard risk factors. First Nations Australians are at higher risk of developing a range of diseases including diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and certain cancers. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may be offered more thorough screening, according to a different timeline, with some checks at earlier ages.


While annual generic "health checks" aren't recommended, a conversation with your GP will help you work out your specific health risks and screening needs. Prevention is better than a cure, so make sure you're accessing evidence-based screening and preventative strategies that are right for you.



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<https://www.facebook.com/eyewatchkingston/>

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



# CALLISTHENICS

## Chelsea Callisthenics Club



Chelsea's Callisthenics Club is rich in history, being the oldest club in Victoria and we are set to celebrate our 100th year in 2023. We have many past and present members who have great stories to tell, one of our members turned 100 in 2021.

We are incredibly proud of the origins of our club which go back to the early 1920s when it started as the Congregational Girls Guild.

There was a need for an activity for girls in the area and it was the physical culture that brought dozens of girls and sixpence rolling in. The club was immediately successful and trained hundreds of girls in physical culture, and that continued as the sport changed to calisthenics.

The girls competed in local competitions throughout the lifetime of the club, and in 1951 we began our long history of competing at the Royal South Street Competition in Ballarat.

The club became incorporated in 1986 and was renamed Chelsea Girl's Calisthenics Club Inc, evolving in 2002 to Chelsea Calisthenic Club Inc..

After years of training in local community halls we relocated to our current facility, which has been renovated and improved to the outstanding sports centre we occupy today.



Our 100th anniversary holds extra special significance for nine of our Chelsea families, mums who, as previous competitors for Chelsea, now have their daughters enrolled at our club.

One unique combination in particular is of three generations of Chelsea members, our President Liza Dwyer with her three daughters Kyla (Seniors), Lainey (Juniors) and Samara (Sub Juniors) and her mum Vivien, also a previous president, and now a life member!

Vivien has said "I am very proud as a life member, to still be so closely connected with the Calisthenic Club after so many years, and to have 3 granddaughters competing this year just completes the picture".

Chelsea Callisthenics Club continues today with the foundations on which it was established. To welcome all those who wish to enrol in a sport that creates a sense of community striving for success through fun and fitness.

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# LOOKING AT LOANS



## Is Loan Mortgage Insurance Good or Evil?

Almost everyone wants to be able to buy a home sooner rather than later, however saving the expected 20% deposit is far easier said than done.

Let's face it - with Melbourne's median house price moving over \$1,000,000, what can you buy for \$800,000? Even at that purchase price, saving a deposit of \$160,000 plus purchase costs is not a realistic prospect unless you resemble Scrooge McDuck with strong income and extremely disciplined spending habits!

Of course, by the time you have saved that amount, housing prices will have probably risen substantially, re-setting the required deposit to a still higher level. I have known of prospective home buyers delaying purchase to save the desired 20%, only to find the prices have been rising faster than they can save, putting them further and further behind. Luckily, there is a solution.

There was a time a bank would not lend more than 80% of the property value. Loan Mortgage Insurance (LMI) was introduced into Australia in 1965 to enable first home buyers to "bridge the deposit gap" which was at that time

"a significant impediment to achieving home ownership" (they should see it now!)

LMI protects a lender in the event of a borrower default on a residential mortgage loan. If the security property is required to be sold as a result of the default and the sale proceeds do not cover the outstanding loan balance, LMI covers the lender for the loss. So, you (the borrower) pay for it, but the lender alone benefits - the insurer will still chase you for the shortfall in the event of default.

Sounds like a bad deal!! But it is more of an opportunity, you just need to consider the options.

Buyers should always be aware of the costs, and avoid paying LMI where possible, however its availability is in fact of major benefit to purchasers and can be used to great advantage. LMI reduces the lender's risk, allowing you to purchase your dream home with as little as 5% of the purchase price.

Many first home buyers would never manage to climb onto the property ladder without LMI. It can also open up many possibilities for subsequent home upgrades - better location, larger house, ability to do renovations - simply put, LMI brings you that much closer to

achieving your home ownership dreams years earlier than would otherwise be possible.

LMI can also be used in purchasing investment properties, creating opportunities to build your personal wealth sooner. Many take advantage of this as part of building wealth for retirement.

Note there are alternative solutions to the deposit problem, including parent guarantees and government schemes.

Where such alternatives are unavailable - yes, LMI is indeed 'good,' and should be considered an essential part of your armoury in the continued "Great Australian Dream / pursuit" of home ownership. However, there are many tricks and traps in different policies at different banks, including massive variation in costs between banks (thousands of dollars). Quality advice is vital! Call us on **(03) 9511 8883** or email [support@ifafinance.com.au](mailto:support@ifafinance.com.au).

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## Return Chutes

Returns can be made to Dingley Village Library 24/7 using the external returns chute located to the left of the outdoor library entrance. A concierge will be available near the building entrance during opening hours to assist if needed.

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Alternatively, you can call the library on **1300 135 668** during business hours and speak to a staff member to renew your items over the phone.



## Children & Families Program

Kingston Libraries run a number of regular programs throughout the year for children and families, from Tiny Tots Rhyme Time and Preschool Storytime for little ones, to after-school programs that are suitable for a variety of different ages, including Makerspaces where all ages are welcome.

## Kids Movie Club

Enjoy a monthly movie screening at Dingley Village Library just for kids on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 4pm to 6pm. Held during school terms only. Movies will be rated G or PG.

## 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 of all ages are welcome. Saturday 12-2pm.

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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](http://library.kingston.vic.gov.au) Email: [library@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:library@kingston.vic.gov.au)

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# YOUTH CORNER



## Dingley Scouts



There is no doubt 2021 was a tough year, so seeing the smiling faces of our youth as we celebrated the end of the year was amazing and a testament to their resilience and commitment to scouting. All sections from Cubs to Rovers got together at the hall to mix and say hello to friends old and new, and to celebrate the year that was. There was cake and a very special event.

Reptile Encounters came along with a few of their 'friends' much to the delight of our youth, and a few very excited adults too. We learnt more about stick insects, lizards and yes even snakes. Questions were asked, and many youth were able to pat or hold an animal. Yes ok, we adults put our hands up for that too. I think it's fair to say that for many of our youth, the night was a big success.

Our District Commissioner also joined us to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our youth in general, but two youth specifically, who both achieved the highest level in their respective sections. Eloise, formally received her Grey Wolf Award, and with much excitement Enrico was acknowledged for achieving his Australian Scout Medallion (ASM).

There is much work and many hours of dedication that go into achieving this award. Enrico, did all this and more, and with 12 months

to spare. Youth have until the end of their final year at school to complete the work required. Wanting to dedicate himself to both his ASM and VCE, Enrico worked hard to complete his ASM before he commenced his VCE year. An amazing commitment and something to be commended for.

Enrico is an amazing young man and a true inspiration to the younger youth. Enrico, from all of us at Dingley Scout Group, a big congratulations on your achievement. Whilst the formal scouting year closed, that didn't mean that there is nothing happening. We had youth participating in a paddle down the Patterson River to look at Christmas lights and the big one, VicJam happening over the New Year period.

Want to come join the fun and meet some new friends along the way? Then contact Vanessa, her details are below, and let's see where the adventure takes you.

Joey's 5 – 7yrs	Please contact our Group Leader below
Cubs 8 – 10yrs	Monday 7:00pm – 8:30pm
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Venturers 15 – 17yrs	Friday 7:30pm – 9:30pm
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For more information about Dingley Scout Group contact Vanessa on **0402 489 773** or email [dingleyscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:dingleyscoutgroup@gmail.com).

# WRITERS CORNER



## The Villainous River

The country stream ran with much ferocity; challenging any person who dared to step close. Should they accept the dare they would likely find themselves fraught with the danger it issues so keenly. One such person who had never been willing to accept the challenge was Maisie. She was well into her eighties now and was certain that she had lived as long as she had by not taking dangerous risks.

On a daily basis Maisie would take her daily stroll and seat herself at the river's edge on the same place on a fallen log upholstered in velvety green pincushion moss. Whilst she enjoyed the solitude, she felt as though the sound of the river's water rushing past at top speed as the current crashed against the rocks and fallen boughs, was speaking to her, almost laughing at her as she sat and remembered those loved ones it had snatched from her over the years and taunting her with the ghosts of those still yet to be claimed by its waters.

She remembered the first she lost to the currents. Her baby sister, Florrie. She was barely two years of age, when a shiny amber river pebble beckoned her closer and closer in an almost hypnotic manner.

Her clumsy toddler footing stood no chance against the wicked waters. Next, she was brought to thoughts of her fiancé Trevor who chose to attempt to cross the waters via a fallen tree to see her instead of using the footbridge further along in order to save time.

To this day she could never understand why he would be so reckless when she had warned him time and time again of the wicked river's capabilities, yet he did not listen and succumbed as her baby sister had, leaving her a spinster all this time.

She was sure that the river despised her, snatching all those she held dear to her from her life and into its chaotic clutches. She didn't know why. She visited it almost every day. Why would it hurt her so?

"Why! Why do you take 'em from me!" She cried to the relentless waters. The foam bubbled about the rocks in front of her as if responding to her agony with snickering laughter. "Is it me you want? Has it been me all this time? If I give myself to you, will you promise never to harm another? Will that end your senseless cruelty?"

At that moment as if from nowhere a small child rushed towards the stream giggling with both arms stretched out in front of her. As if hypnotised by its pull as Florrie had been decades prior. The pain of Florrie returned in an instant and with a newfound speed and strength Maisie lunged at the toddler, scooping her up in her arms. "No you don't, my darlin'" She muttered, and then to the ferocious river,

"Not today. Not this one. Not while I'm here." A young woman came rushing to Maisie who was still cradling the struggling child. "Rosie. Don't ever run off like that again," Then to Maisie, "I can't thank you enough for saving my child. She's at that age where she won't stay put. I'd only taken my attention from her for a second. How can I ever repay you?"

"I need no payment. Just promise me you will keep this one safe. She's too precious and that river don't deserve another as precious as her." Maisie replied calmly as she handed the child back to her mother.

Puzzled the mother walked away embracing her daughter tightly. With a knowing nod Maisie spoke to the river once more, "To think I almost let you win. As long as I'm alive, I'll keep as many safe from your vicious clutches as I can."

Julia S 2021







## Myopia (Short-Sightedness) Progression In Adults

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2022 everyone and what a start to the year we have had already. It seems as we roll into a new year, comes renewed hope that COVID is over, yet here we are again. A little different this time, but some similarities none the less.

As you have been reading and hearing from us, certainly over the past two years with COVID and lockdowns, about the growing concern globally with the significant increase in myopia (short-sightedness- where we have difficulty seeing things in the distance) and the many studies that keep showing this is becoming such a major issue. The research says that by 2050, over half of the world's population will have difficulty seeing things further away. So hence needing glasses to drive, watch TV or look at the board at school.

Previously, it had been thought that short-sightedness occurred in childhood and stabilized from teenage years to early adulthood, however, new research from Lyons Eye Institute and University of Western Australia has shown that from 18 to 28 years of age, almost 40% of the participants in the study (recruited from King Edward Memorial Hospital in WA) had either become short-sighted or had deteriorated in their vision. 14% of the participants who were not short-sighted at 20 years of age, became short-sighted by 28. And one in three individuals continued to progress during their twenties.

The incidence of myopia was significantly associated with East Asian race, having parents who were short-sighted, less sun exposure and being female. Women had twice the rate of progression as men.

The lack of sun exposure association, confirms previous studies that have shown reduced time outdoors being a major factor in myopia developing, hence the increase that we have

seen over the past two years with COVID lockdowns, home schooling and working from home, anecdotally in our practice, we are seeing far more children and adults noticing their distance vision deteriorating over the past two year.


So please, be aware and protect not only your children but yourselves from this increasingly vision and life altering condition. It is not just about needing to wear glasses or contact lenses, it is associated with an increased risk of cataracts, glaucoma, retinal detachments and myopic maculopathy/blindness. So, take control of your life, make adjustments to your working and reading habits and spend more time outdoors. Have regular breaks from computer screens, phones, tablets and books, making sure that you look outside and far away will also help.

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 on our website [www.insightfuleyecare.com.au](http://www.insightfuleyecare.com.au) or come down for a chat about how we can help you and your family correct and treat myopia with glasses, contact lenses and adjustments in lifestyle and habits. We want to look after your eyes for now and into the future, so that you get to enjoy all the simple pleasures of life.

We thank you for your continued support, particularly during these COVID challenging times and wish all of you a wonderful 2022. Take care and stay safe.

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# DOLLARS & SENSE



## Make this year a financially healthy one

Another year is over - how was it for you? Did you achieve everything you had hoped? Are you better or worse off financially than you were this time last year? With a new year in front of you, what can you do to make the most of every moment?

We've put together a short guide to get you started and plan for the year ahead, a quarter at a time.

### January to March

Make a start by turning wishes into goals. Some might be long-term like becoming debt-free, saving a home deposit, or retiring in a few years' time. What can you do this year to support those goals? Write it all down and give it a name - something you can own.

At the same time, don't forget living for now. Prepare a month-by-month budget that makes room for the fun times - holidays and celebrations - as well as covering the necessities. Anticipate spikes in your spending. Do your car, home and life insurance premiums all seem to fall due at the same time putting pressure on your cash flow? Investigate monthly premium payments or spreading renewal dates across the year.

Use this first quarter to bed down the budgeting habit and track your actual spending against your plan. At the end of March, do a quick review of your progress so far and make adjustments if necessary.

### April to June

It's time to prepare for the end of financial year (EOFY). By June 30 you will want to have made any intended additional superannuation contributions (make sure you stay within relevant limits) and finalised donations to your favourite charities. Is there any other tax-deductible expenditure you can bring forward?

June is also the month for EOFY sales - an opportunity to grab some bargains on early Christmas shopping and birthday gift purchases. Don't forget to include these in your budget.

### July to September

If you're expecting a tax refund for the financial year just finished, lodge your tax return early. What are you going to do with the windfall?

Whether you put it towards one of your goals or blow it on a big night out is up to you. Just make sure it's part of The Plan.

With your tax return out of the way, the third quarter is a good time to start a bit of financial spring-cleaning. Review your super and savings, insurance and will, loans and credit cards, Power of Attorney, and overall financial strategy. Is everything up to date?

How is your super doing? Would salary-sacrificing help? Can you consolidate debt or refinance at a lower rate?

### October to December

Into the final strait and how are you tracking? Are you 'on plan'? Maybe The Plan you came up with back in January wasn't realistic. It's not too late to adjust both your strategy and your expectations.

If things are looking good, it's important to stay focused. Christmas is looming with its temptations to over-spend.

Once the turkey and plum pudding have settled, it's time to review the year just gone and to give yourself a pat on the back for what you have achieved. Then take a deep breath, check your goals, and update The Plan for the coming year.

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# FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

## The Friends of Braeside Park News

On Thursday 14th December, I was part of the Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee's site visit to Kingswood Golf Course. The Friends have made both a submission and a presentation to the Committee because the Golf Course is open space, and that allows flora and fauna to survive in Braeside Park's own 390 hectares of indigenous open space. Just as Covid has taught us that the world shares viruses, so biodiversity is connected.

I do not golf and I had never before visited the Course despite 26 years in Dingley Village. Even so, I could see that the Greens have deteriorated since the Golf Club abandoned the site, but it is still a beautiful and very rare open green space in our area. In the substantial cypress trees, I saw Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoos' making their loud, sad wailing call ("Whee-la") to greet us.

There were Welcome Swallows who swooped across the Greens, and a single Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, which is also the emblem of Braeside's Friends. That particular native parrot screeched acknowledgment from a large, dead tree. Those are not useless, but can contain nestable hollows, valuable, rare real estate for birds, gliders, and possums. I also observed Noisy Miners, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes, and Butcher birds flying and calling from the dense, mixed vegetation which divides the Fairways.

Here, there are also large to medium trees such as Eucalypts which I would estimate at 50 - 60 years of age and as Narrow leaf Peppermint (*Eucalyptus radiata*). There are more familiar Coastal Banksia (*Banksia integrifolia*) and the smaller Black and Drooping She-oaks (*Allocasuarina littoralis* and *verticillata*). For shrubs, I saw White Correa (*Correa alba*) and Prickly Tea-tree (*Leptospermum continentale*) where there were small orange and black insects, hoverflies and bees feeding because dense and prickly vegetation is how they survive. I saw other insects, including the Common Brown and Painted Lady butterfly in the grasses and tussocks that they are have let grow longer than lawn length.

Wood, Pacific Black and Chestnut Teal ducks potted around the long, narrow water retention basin.

AustraliaSuper, the developers, propose 14 hectares of open space, including a new park, boundary reserves and a new wetland to support local biodiversity. I wonder if AustraliaSuper informed the "local biodiversity" of their new reduced home site and human neighbours.

Mr. Wynne, the State Planning Minister, will make the final decision after "the robust planning process" to re-zone the land, and after the advisory committee's recommendations.

Back in 2015 the Victorian Court of Appeal (Cit. 2015 VCSA 16) ruled unanimously and possibly robustly that the sale of the Golf Club had seen the seller's act was: (a) acted for an improper purpose; and (b) oppressed their own members.

Then, there were the 8000 Dingley residents who lodged objections to re-zoning and The Council's unanimous rejection. Perhaps, neither was robust enough? This Golf Course is still, for now, zoned golf course as it was when bought by these property developers, who knew that too, because the planning scheme has always said so!

Every Dingley resident, especially the school children, should walk the site with a map of the proposed development. There are 823 homes proposed. They are of two to three storeys, and each on less than 300 square metres.

That is what will replace what I saw yesterday and thinking that makes me sadder than I can put into words.



Judith Sise  
President



## Keep up to date

Stay in touch with what's happening at the former golf course site at Centre Dandenong Road in Dingley Village.

The exhibition period for the redevelopment plans is now complete but you can still see what's being proposed by visiting the project website.

The website will publish the latest information about the planning process, about maintenance, tree and site management. And there are contact details for those with queries.

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# CIRCLING THE CLUBS



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



Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club resumes meetings Tuesday February 8th at Keysborough Golf Club. After a very interrupted two years COVID has brought home the importance of friends and connections and our members are looking forward to renewing friendships and creating new ones. New members are most welcome to join our monthly meetings and learn from our guest speakers and enjoy our monthly social outings.

VIEW (Voice Interests, and Education of Women) Clubs support The Smith Family and their Learning for Life Programme which provides education for vulnerable Australian children. Australia has over one million children living below the poverty line.

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club are currently sponsoring 7 Children with their education. Women from all walks of life are most welcome to join us please contact Fran Thomas for further information. [franniet@gmail.com](mailto:franniet@gmail.com) or **0419 309 931**. Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month at 10am.

Where: Keysborough Golf Club, 55 Hutton Rd Keysborough, easy parking. Masks and proof of Double Vaccination required.

## Burden Park Bowls Club



A great fight by our Division 2 side to only go down to Dandenong Club by 7 shots – this augurs well for the return match on home ground this year!

Well done to Laurie Caulfield's team on their rink win.

The Division 4 side were unlucky to finish up with a draw against Berwick BUT a draw is better than a loss and, looking at the ladder, gives the team some hope of rising up the ladder if we can put our best feet forward in the upcoming games.

The 3rd side had a walkover when Keysborough pulled the plug!!!! If we can keep fielding a team when all others can't, maybe the team can make the finals!!!!

THANK YOU to the marvellous team of roll/sandwich makers again this week: Tina who, as usual, prepared the fillings for the rolls and sandwiches & Lisa, Jan and Ray who made the rolls and sandwiches

The good news is that if you have been thinking of joining a lawn bowls club, this is your time to act. So come down and have a go, you'll love it. We are currently looking for new members to play lawn bowls and are offering all new members, men, women and children a deal you can't go past.

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5. You will be joining a club with fun loving and friendly members.
6. In the summer we play competitive pennant, and in the winter, we play social bowls

So, if you're interested in having a go, give Rob a call on **0407 326 481** he'd love to hear from you. We are located on the corner of Springvale Rd and Heatherton Rd Springvale.

## Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a Happy New Year.

Depending on COVID regulations, we will be meeting up of a Monday afternoon (from 1:00 p.m.) at the Harold Box Hall in February.

Please keep in touch for advice regarding any arrangements. These should be confirmed with our President, Lyn, on **9585 5039** or our Secretary, Sandra, on **9558 1490**.

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone over the age of 55 to come and join in our Club activities.

## Probus Club Dingley Central



The club was planning to welcome in the New Year with a face-to-face meeting, but unfortunately Covid intervened. Our meeting presented via zoom, was followed by Trivia and two members Tim and Graham presented an interesting insight into their life stories. A very enjoyable morning.

We are looking forward to activities being gradually introduced, including Happy Hour, Legs and Morning Coffee, Dine Out, Men's Lunch and Games Day, all adhering to Covid Restrictions.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month, at the Salvation Army Kingston City, 13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village.

New members are most welcome. For more information, please contact Ruth **9587 0432**.

## Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Members have not been able to arrange activities due to the current restrictions and at time of writing arrangements for our Thursday night gatherings are yet to be re-established. Details will be advised in the future editions of the Dossier.

Our activities are suitable for those in the 60 plus age group and provide an opportunity to socialise with your peers. Events can be proposed by members and those interested can get on board. We wish all the Dossier readers all the best for an enjoyable New Year.

We are more than happy to welcome new members to the Group and you can call Graeme on **9551 3462**.

PS - Will 2022 be a replica of 2021? Let us hope not.



## Country Women's Association Dingley Village



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

Our next Business Meeting will take place on 23rd February 2022 at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Craft meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and Business meetings on the fourth Wednesday. In 2022 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.

## Lions Club of Dingley Village



We are in need of new members, a great opportunity to help your community. If anybody has any of the following items, they can be left at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

Pre-loved spectacles, sunglasses and hearing aids and used stamps are still needed. Thank you to all who have donated, please keep them coming in.

Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday 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. [dingleyliions@gmail.com](mailto:dingleyliions@gmail.com)

## Rotary Club Noble Park - Dingley



Active Rotarians - making friends and making a difference. The Rotary Club of Noble Park-Dingley has an active social and project program.

Our members love being part of our club and enjoy participating in our activities. Once you get to know us you might like to join us in being part of a network of 1.2 million Rotary volunteers worldwide.

We meet at 6.30pm on the first three Thursdays of each month at Keysborough Golf Club in Hutton Road. Please phone Reny Frighetto on 0437 080 333 for more information.

## 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 COVID19 restrictions, at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 9:30-12pm. If you have clean sheets or fabrics you would like to donate, please contact Debbie 0411 058 804 or Helen 0425 862 718.

## Dingley Village Men's Shed



The Shed is operating under a COVID-19 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](mailto:info@dvms.org.au) [www.dvms.org.au](http://www.dvms.org.au)

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# FAITH

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## Heatherton Dingley - Uniting Church



Cnr Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton.

Sunday services at 10.00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Holy Communion second Sunday of the month at 10.00 a.m.

All enquiries phone **0431 244 561**  
[www.heathertondingleyuca.org.au](http://www.heathertondingleyuca.org.au)

### Our Vision and our Mission:

To seek to connect people to God and each other.

*Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church  
- Meeting U at the Crossroads of Life.*

### What's On

#### Wednesdays

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

#### Know Your Bible

9.30 – 11.00 a.m.  
An interdenominational study of the Bible for women. For further information contact 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**.

## Kingston City Church



**Our Vision:** Connecting People To Jesus Christ

**Our Mission:** Reach, Restore, Relate, Resource And Release.

Ph: **8551 6600**, Fax: **8551 6690**.  
Web: [www.kcc.crm.org.au](http://www.kcc.crm.org.au)  
Email: [admin@crm.org.au](mailto:admin@crm.org.au)

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

The Boys' Brigade (BB) is an international interdenominational Christian youth organisation, conceived by Sir William Alexander Smith to combine drill and fun activities with Christian values. Following its inception in Glasgow in 1883, the BB quickly spread across the United Kingdom and became a worldwide organisation by the early 1890s. There are over 750,000 Boys' Brigade members in 60 countries.

With a Christian foundation, Boys' Brigade has a proven track record for reaching out to the local community providing balanced 4-sided developmental programs (Physical, Spiritual, Educational and Social) for young people of all backgrounds, abilities and interests.

BB local groups (called Companies) meet weekly across Australia usually based in a church. The 31st Heatherton Boys Brigade company is for Boys over 8 years old and meets every Monday during the school term only, from 7pm to 8.30pm at Kingston City Church.

The regular program starts with a parade and inspection, followed by a time of devotion & meditation, and a skill or competence activity, finishing off the evening with a game and supper. Our Boys have excelled over the years as a successful company in Victoria and our Boys have gone on to being good Christian men of integrity and vision. Let your son's Adventure for Life begin here. For more information email [boysbrigade@crm.org.au](mailto:boysbrigade@crm.org.au).

Dishan Rajaratnam

## 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](mailto:admin@villagechurch.org.au)  
[www.villagechurch.org.au](http://www.villagechurch.org.au)

Our Church program for FEBRUARY is as follows:

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.

### Sundays

10.00 a.m. Worship Service via livestream through  
<https://www.villagechurch.org.au>

There is the possibility of an in-person service(s), but particulars will be clarified as new government directions are released. Communion Service – 1st Sunday of every month.

\*Kids Church via Zoom. The resumption of in-person Kids Church will be clarified as new government directions are released.

### Life Groups

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

\*Wednesday nights – Fortnightly 7.30-9.00pm. 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 19th February; 9-10am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and via Zoom link; Contact office for links.

### Bible Study

\*Women's –Precept Ministries study on Genesis. Thursday's fortnightly 10-11.30am at 7 Fiveways Boulevard and 2.30-4pm via Zoom, 10th & 24th February. 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. 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.

#### St Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village 3172. Office open Tuesdays 8:30am to 11:30am.

Phone / Fax: **9551 6930** or **9547 4877**  
Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Truong Nguyen OFM Conv.

#### Mass Times

Saturdays, 6pm  
Sundays, 9:30am  
Confession before Mass on Saturdays

#### Important dates for February

February 2 - Presentation of the Lord  
February 5 - Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr  
February 10 - Saint Scholastica, virgin  
February 14 - Saint Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop  
February 22 - Chair of Saint Peter, apostle  
February 23 - Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr

#### Christ Church Dingley



387 Old Dandenong Road, Dingley (at the roundabout).  
Contact: [admin@ccd.org.au](mailto:admin@ccd.org.au) or **9551 7871**  
Web: [www.ccd.org.au](http://www.ccd.org.au).

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

#### Sunday services

(All services subject to COVID restrictions)

8.30am - Traditional service with Holy Communion and hymns.  
10.30am - More contemporary service with children's program.

Sermon recordings can be accessed on the Christ Church Dingley YOUTUBE Chanel, or through the website [www.ccd.org.au](http://www.ccd.org.au)

On the second Tuesday each month at 2pm we hold a service with communion and favourite hymns; followed by afternoon refreshments. Transport available on request.

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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:

Associate minister: Rev. Tanya Cummings **0408 912 412**.  
Youth & children's minister: Baden Harvey.

#### The Salvation Army Kingston City 'You Belong'



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[www.salvationarmy.org.au/kingstoncity/](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/kingstoncity/)  
Corps officers (ministers): Major Jennifer Cloke and Auxiliary Lieutenant James Singer.

#### Hours of operation

8:30am - 5:00pm. Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by appointment.

#### Our Mission

The Salvation Army Australia is a Christian movement dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus, by caring for people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities, & working for justice.

#### 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.

#### Family Worship Service

If you would like to receive a video link to our Sunday worship services, or a Sunday worship pack sent by mail, please email [kgreception@gmail.com](mailto:kgreception@gmail.com) or phone **9558 2045** and we will be in touch.

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