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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 15 – 21 MAY

National Volunteers Week celebrates the vital contribution that volunteers make across the country. Volunteers are the backbone of most social and environmental charities who rely on the generosity of people like you to keep going.

Volunteering is giving your time, skills and experience to support a cause without receiving a financial reward. More than two million Victorians volunteer each year. The incredible work that volunteers do within communities changes countless lives and helps set up our future generations for success.

Some people use volunteering to learn new skills or as a path to paid work or further study. For others it's more about connecting with and supporting people in their community. Volunteering covers a wide range of activities, which means there are roles to suit people with different interests and goals.

Benefits of volunteering

Volunteering has many benefits, for you and your community. It might be supporting a cause that's important to you, helping to create social change, developing new skills or meeting new people.

There are many reasons people volunteer, such as:

- connecting with other people
- being active in the community
- supporting important community causes
- learning about different cultures
- feeling good about giving back
- finding pathways to job, study or training opportunities
- developing new skills or getting experience in different roles to improve your CV.

Who can volunteer

Volunteering is for everyone. Regardless of background, skills, experience or the amount of time you have to give, there are roles for people with different levels of commitment. The first step of getting ready to volunteer is to think about:

- the type of volunteering work you would like to do
- your interests and passions, and the types of organisations you'd like to work with
- what you hope to get from the volunteer experience

- how much time you have to give
- how regularly you want to volunteer, for example one-off, weekly or monthly.

Getting started

There are many ways to find a community organisation and a volunteering role that's right for you. Some options include:

- Ask your friends and family what they do
- Contact a Charity or local group directly
- Look out for calls for help by local groups in the Dingley Dossier
- Check out the community noticeboard at the Neighbourhood Centre
- City of Kingston has an online community directory, listing local volunteer opportunities: <https://www.mycommunitylife.com.au>
- If you are looking for more than local, check out: <https://govolunteer.com.au/volunteering/in-melbourne>



FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 20TH MAY | 8:30AM - 1:00PM



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

WHAT'S ON AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE?

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Zumba Gold with Norma

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

Seniors Body and Balance with Norma

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



Social Table Tennis with John

Catering to all skill levels both men & women. Come along and join this friendly group. Mon, 9.30am & Wed 1pm in the Harold Box Hall \$4.00 per session. New members Welcome. No need to book just come along.

Yoga with Bubs with Hailey

Yoga moves with bubs, aged from newborn to when they are on the move. Thurs, 11.15am-12pm in the Devonshire Hall, \$10.00 per class, no need to book just come along.

Writing for Pleasure with Warren

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

Social Art group

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



Knit, Craft & Natter with Marlene

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

Tai Chi with James

Tai Chi helps increases flexibility and balance. Tues 9 - 11 am in the 'Harold Box Hall'. Contact James to book on 0430 570 460.

Chatty Café

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



Safe Seats Safe Kids with Michael

We have free Child car restraint fittings and safety check done here at the Centre carpark. Thursday 10am-2pm Bookings go to: www.safeseatssafekids.com.au

Boomerang Bags with Janet & Helen

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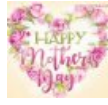


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COMMUNITY

Happy Mothers' Day

To all the mums, grandmothers, step mums, foster mums, mums-to-be, mother figures, surrogate mums and all the men doing both the mother and father roles, wishing you all a wonderful day filled with love and laughter.



Thank you, thank you!

Many thanks to the children of Dingley Village for taking part in Crazy Sox Day for "Make a Difference". Two Schools and Kindergarten groups took part on March 23rd and Mayor Hadi of the City of Kingston was delighted to meet them. Crazy Sox Day is NOT a fundraiser for Make a Difference, it is an opportunity for them to remind the local community that MADDV is able to support those in need. Some families are experiencing great difficulty since the pandemic and we are seeing many who are in financial stress, homeless, experiencing family violence or other distressing issues.

COVID Booster

Haven't had COVID or a vaccine dose in the past six months? Consider getting a booster. Australians aged 18 and over are eligible for a COVID booster if they have not had a vaccine dose or infection in the past six months.



This means people aged 18–29 who have had all eligible doses will be able to get their fourth dose and those over 30 will be able to get their fifth dose. Protection against COVID wanes over time. Booster doses help strengthen

immunity against COVID. They lower the risk of infection, severe disease and hospitalisation. However, immunity wanes at approximately four to five months after vaccination.

Power Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government has launched a new \$250 Power Saving Bonus for all Victorian households with a residential electricity account. Each household can apply once and is available until June 2023. If you need assistance applying, the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre can help you. Call the centre on **8512 0505** to make a booking for help to claim the Power Saving Bonus.



Special Dates in May

International Nurses Day 12 May

Nurses play a vital role in our health care system, they are often the unsung heroes that get us through our country's health crisis. International Nurses Day acknowledges the compassion, professionalism, and round-the-clock commitment of nurses.

Declaration of the Báb 24 - 25 May

This date marks the anniversary of the Báb's announcement of his mission in 1844. The Báb is a prophet and is considered one of the founders of the Baha'i faith. (begins on the evening of 24 May and ends on the evening of 25 May)

Shavuot 25 - 27 May

Shavuot is a Jewish celebration of Moses's descent from Mount Sinai with

the Ten Commandments. It is the second of the Jewish pilgrim festivals. Some Jews refrain from working on Shavuot.

Vesak Day or Buddha Day 26 May - 2 Jun

Vesak or Buddha Day is an important day of celebration for Buddhists around the world. The holiday is traditionally celebrated to commemorate the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death. The date varies by region and tradition.

National Sorry Day 26 May

National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture.



National Reconciliation Week 27 May- 3 Jun

National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

Pentecost 28 May

A festival where Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, which means 'fiftieth').

Ascension of Baha'u'lláh 28 - 29 May

It commemorates the anniversary of the death in 1892 of Baha'u'lláh, the founder of the Baha'i faith. This solemn anniversary is a day of rest and is often observed by reading or chanting from the scriptures.

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FARMERS MARKET



OUR NEXT MARKET IS ON SATURDAY 20TH MAY

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

At their heart, farmers' markets are a place for food producers and consumers to connect directly in the buying and selling process. Our farmers' market gives you a chance to meet the person who grew or made your food.

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 fresh seasonal produce.

The market has food to eat as you wander through the market, as well as to stock your pantry. From scones and donuts to gozleme and Vietnamese food, there is something to tempt you.



Stocking up is easy with Spud Sisters: Moorabool River Beef, 280 Veg, Nicks Gnocchi, Salami Shack and Limestone Free Range Pork providing fresh produce for family meal-time favourites. Don't forget to treat yourself and your family with take home packs from A&G Biscuits, Regnier Cakes, Delice Royale, Anja's Scones, RyOak Road, OMG Decadent Donuts and Eat freely Cakes.

There are over 20 stalls in attendance each market providing both seasonal produce and complimentary produce and products.

Fresh, local foods

The fruits and vegetables are picked at the peak of their growing season, meaning this produce is the freshest and the tastiest available.

Seasonal treats

By shopping at farmers' markets, you get to find the truest flavours of the season and connect with the growing season where you live.

Know where your food comes from

You can also learn some great tips and recipes from farmers and fellow patrons.

Shopping is more social. Farmers markets are a great way to bring communities together. Meet friends there, or have a day out with the family.



DingleyVillageFarmersMarket

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.



DINGLEY VILLAGE FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY
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The Ron Vogt Memorial award for the Dingley Village Citizen of the Year 2022 was awarded to Kevin Poulter.

Kevin has been active in Dingley Village Community Service, including as President of the Save Kingswood Group. He said it was an honour to be recognised along with the previous recipients and acknowledged the outstanding assistance of the Save Kingswood team and his wife Jackie.

What's Happening - Kingswood Golf Course Update

You may be wondering what's happening about Kingswood Golf Course. Well, the facts on this important issue for our community are:

1. Kingswood Golf Course remains zoned Special Use Golf Course and is not zoned residential - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CANNOT OCCUR WITHOUT A CHANGE OF THIS ZONING.
2. Australian Super continues to own Kingswood Golf Course since purchasing the golf course in 2014.
3. A rezoning and development proposal for Kingswood Golf Course was made by Australian Super. Our community, supported by our local politicians, worked long and hard to stop this inappropriate development, resulting in Council abandoning the proposed rezoning of Kingswood in October 2018, following a record number of objections, approximately 8000 objections.
4. In August 2019 the State Government changed the planning rules for golf course redevelopment proposals by creating a Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee. This allowed Australian Super to submit a new proposal to the State Planning Minister in November 2020 and after 6 months the Minister referred it to the Committee in May 2021.
5. A Public Hearing by the Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee on this second rezoning and development proposal was held at the end of 2021, with a total 1650 submissions made. The majority of these submissions were from Dingley Village residents, expressing their views against the proposal to rezone and develop Kingswood Golf Course, another fantastic effort from our community made during the difficult times of Melbourne's Covid Lockdown.
6. In April 2022, the Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee submitted their report to the Minister of Planning, who is responsible for deciding the outcome of this second proposal to rezone and develop Kingswood Golf Course.
6. The Planning Minister has yet to make the final decision on this rezoning and development proposal submitted by Australian Super for Kingswood Golf course.

DVCA urges the Minister of Planning, when considering this Kingswood rezoning and development proposal, to recognise Australian Super's blatant disregard to

relevant planning scheme policy and legislative requirements for this site. We strongly contend that the proposed widespread removal of trees, complete lack of community infrastructure, together with a projected population increase to Dingley Village of over 20%, is highly inappropriate and unsustainable.

In addition, Kingswood is an important sporting and recreational asset for our community. As the City of Kingston has no public 18 hole golf courses, Kingswood's retention as a full-size 18 hole public golf course, would enable the City of Kingston to provide this for the wider, non-private club golfing community, accessible to everyone.

Concurrently - Housing Strategy Amendment C203

The State Government has introduced new residential planning zones across Melbourne and Council is required to implement these changes into the Kingston Planning Scheme. These changes are collectively known as Kingston Planning Scheme Amendment C203 - Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character.

When legislated, C203 will set out new residential zones for the City of Kingston showing that:

- most of Dingley Village is to be designated Neighbourhood Residential zoning (NRZ) with a 2 storey height limit.
- a limited area around the village shopping centre precinct (200 metres walking distance), is to have General Residential zoning (GRZ) with a 3 storey height limit, which could allow approximately 200 3 storey dwellings to be built.

and does not include any change to the current Kingswood Golf Course zoning (which is non-residential). Following exhibition and the public submissions made to Council last year, Amendment C203 was referred to an independent planning panel.

The independent planning panel held public hearings on Amendment C203 during March and April of this year, to which the DVCA made a written submission.

Kevin Poulter as President of, and on behalf of, The Save Kingswood Group, presented in person at the hearing, speaking strongly on the benefits of retaining a 2 storey residential building limit for Dingley Village.

Australian Super also presented at this hearing, even though Amendment C203 does not include Kingswood Golf Course. Their expert's presentation (essentially a regurgitated summary of the rezoning and development proposal for Kingswood currently before the Minister) used the hearing in an attempt to boost their existing proposal. To paraphrase, they argued that Kingswood Golf Course should be considered a Large Residential Opportunity Site for housing redevelopment within the proposed Amendment C203.

Their aim, being to increase the number of three storey residential buildings allowable

by a further 700 on Kingswood, potentially resulting in the large-scale construction of 900 three storey buildings squeezed into the heart of our village, so destroying our well documented unique neighbourhood character.

For further information on the Save Kingswood Group's presentation please see www.savedingley.com.

Good News - Recycle Your Soft Plastics Waste in Kingston

Council has set up a temporary soft plastics recycling service following the suspension of the REDcycle bin recycling program. Whilst the REDcycle bins are unavailable in supermarkets, you can now leave your soft plastic waste at any of the following collection points in Kingston:

- Council Offices - 1230 Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham
- Waves Leisure Centre - 111 Chesterville Rd, Highett
- Clarinda Community Centre 58 Viney St, Clarinda
- Patterson Lakes Community Centre 54/70 Thompsons Rd, Patterson Lakes
- Aspendale Gardens Community Centre 103-105 Kearney Dr, Aspendale Gardens

As a reminder, soft plastics you are able to drop off for recycling (empty and food-free please) include:

- Plastic bags
- Pasta and rice bags
- Biscuit packets
- Veggie produce bags
- Frozen food bags
- Cling wrap



DVCA

DVCA is actively seeking new enthusiastic members to join and help keep our village a great place to live and work in.

Membership is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village.

Meetings are held in DVNC Cottage Room adjacent to the library, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7.30pm.

New members are most welcome to attend. For further information please contact David (Secretary) at dvcasecretary@gmail.com, or visit www.dvca.info.

VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOU, YES YOU!!!

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre is an essential part of the community, providing vital services and support to those who need it most. As a community-run centre, we rely on the support and dedication of volunteers to ensure that we can continue to offer the services that are so critical to our community.

As we look to the future, we are seeking new board members to join us in our mission. We are particularly interested in individuals with a background in accounting, legal, or marketing, as these skills will be invaluable in helping us to continue to grow and evolve as an organisation.

As a board member, you will have the opportunity to work alongside a dedicated team of individuals who are passionate about making a difference in our community. You will be involved in decision-making processes, strategic planning, and will play a crucial role in shaping the future of the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.

By joining our board, you will have the chance to make a real impact on the lives of those in our community. Whether it's through your expertise in accounting, legal, or marketing, or simply through your dedication and commitment to our community, your contributions will be valued and appreciated.

If you are interested in becoming a board member, we encourage you to get in touch with us today. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of those who call Dingley Village home.

Rob – Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre President

Please contact, myself or the Centre Manager:

Rob Guerra: Rob.Guerra1@gmail.com

Trudy Pritchard: manager@dvnc.com.au



OUR COUNCIL

Kingston Mayor Hadi Saab appointed to state advisory panel



Kingston Mayor Hadi Saab has been appointed to Victoria's Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel for 2023.

The panel is made up of 13 mayors from urban, regional, and rural areas across the state and provides the Local Government Minister Melissa Horne with advice on legislative, regulatory, strategic and policy issues that affect councils and local communities.

Cr Saab said it is a great opportunity and honour to be selected for the panel in his first term as mayor. "This is a great way for me to champion communities and Councils with the Victorian Government," Cr Saab said.



"It's essential that all levels of government work collaboratively to find solutions for issues impacting our communities, our state and our nation."

"While I'm looking forward to hearing the different perspectives of councils from across Victoria and finding ways to work together for the good of our communities,

I'm also taking this opportunity to represent the sector with feedback from Kingston and its residents to ensure there is ongoing trust in the

ability of local government to deliver.

"Cr Saab said it was a privilege to be invited to advocate strongly for not only the Kingston community, but also for local councils as a whole.

"Kingston's councillors are proud to play an active role advocating for the community and our city is now very well represented with councillors taking the opportunity to represent council across the sector."

"My appointment follows Cr Steve Staikos being elected to the Municipal Association of Victoria board and Cr Jenna Davey-Burns' serving on the Gender Equality Advisory Committee to the Minister," Cr Saab said.

Draft Wayfinding Strategy

With so many things to see and do in Kingston, we are working to make it easier to find your way around your neighbourhood.

We want to make it clear and simple for people of all abilities to be able to enjoy Kingston's many parks, cycling/walking paths, shopping precincts and more. Kingston has developed a draft Wayfinding Strategy and is keen to hear from our community on whether we have got it right.

By providing signage that is easy to see, read and understand we hope to make Kingston an easier and more enjoyable place to visit for all.

Have your say at <https://www.yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/draft-wayfinding-strategy>

Find out more in the FAQ section on this site including: Why does wayfinding signage matter? What makes for good wayfinding signage? What other areas are doing it well?

Read the draft strategy

Take the quick survey to help shape wayfinding in Kingston. We are aiming to provide consistent, functional signage that provides important information, while keeping Kingston looking good featuring:

- Inclusive, DDA accessible information that is easy for everyone to use
- Informative and useful but non-intrusive design
- Information needs to be clearly and consistently structured
- Consistent look and feel
- Integrates with surrounding environment (ie: park furniture) to reduce visual clutter
- Links with public transport and major destinations
- Appropriately sized and located to suit pedestrians, cyclists and (where appropriate) motorists
- Use maps that are oriented the way the user is facing
- Robust materials that are easier to maintain and repair.

Draft designs:

View the draft designs in the Draft Strategy pages 85-104.

The draft signage designs also feature artwork from artist Heather Kennedy, a proud and well-respected Elder of the Palawa Trowerna from the Trawoolway and lairmairrenner clans of Northeast Tasmania and Bunurong women from Victoria.

Heather has been painting for over 30 years and has a passion for creating visuals and stories, sharing culture through art.

The artwork featured is titled Coming Together to Meeting Place As One. See page 83 of the Draft Strategy.



New partnership to ease soft plastics problem

Kingston residents will once again be able to recycle soft plastics thanks to a partnership between Kingston Council and APR Plastics, following the collapse of the REDcycle program.

Soft plastics can be handed over at five handy drop-off points across Kingston. Kingston Mayor Hadi Saab said Council had acted to create this option for our community to promote recycling and minimise the amount of waste sent to landfill.

"We know many people in our community want to do the right thing and were disappointed that they could no longer recycle soft plastics at their local supermarket," Cr Saab said.

"We're proud to partner with Dandenong South business APR Plastics to offer a short-term option to make sure plastics are recycled rather than dumped in landfill where they can take up to 500 years to completely break down."

Kingston residents can drop off soft plastics at the following locations:

- Council Offices - 1230 Nepean Highway, Cheltenham (8.30am-5pm weekdays)
- Waves Leisure Centre, Highett (during centre opening hours)
- Clarinda Community Centre (9am-5pm weekdays)
- Patterson Lakes Community Centre (9am-5pm weekdays)
- Aspendale Gardens Community Centre (during centre opening hours)

- The drop-off points are intended to be in place until the supermarket soft plastic recycling scheme resumes.
- "Landfill space will run out in Melbourne's south-east and eastern suburbs by 2025, so we must do everything we can to reduce our waste. We can all play a part by reducing, reusing, and recycling."

Mayor Saab said leadership was needed from industry and all levels of government to develop a sustainable ongoing recycling program.

"I look forward to working with the other levels of government and our supermarkets to establish permanent solutions.

"Thank-you to all our residents who have continued to separate their soft plastics since the suspension of REDcycle's soft plastics recycling program and we look forward to seeing you at one of our drop-off points soon."



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The Victoria Police Partysafe Program is about minimising the risks to safety at parties such as intoxicated guests, violence or gatecrashers, so that hosts and their guests can stay safe and have fun!

The program allows you to register your party with police online or at your local police station. This ensures local police are aware of the event and can provide timely assistance if things start to get out of hand.

So next time you plan a party, visit www.police.vic.gov.au/party-safe to register your event.



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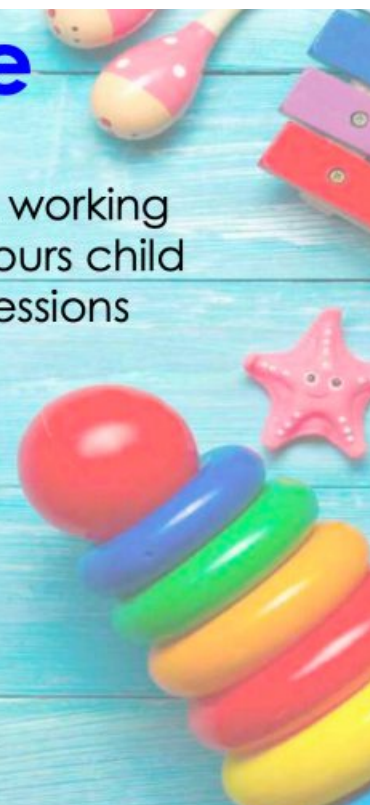
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THE VOICE REFERENDUM

We now know exactly what question the Voice referendum will ask Australians. A constitutional law expert explains.

THE CONVERSATION

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Anne Twomey Professor emerita, University of Sydney

The Albanese government has now released the formal wording of the proposed referendum it will introduce into parliament next week.

It had earlier released a draft proposed amendment at the Garma Festival last year, which was intended to start a debate on the wording. Since then, this wording has been the subject of intense discussion and debate in the Referendum Working Group, comprised of Indigenous representatives, which has been advising the government.

It has also been scrutinised by the Constitutional Expert Group, which has provided legal advice in response to questions raised by the Referendum Working Group. Many other Australians have raised ideas and concerns in the media and in communications with the government, which have been the subject of analysis and deliberation.

What do the words say?

The wording of the proposed amendment will be as follows:

Chapter IX – Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples 129 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia:

1. There shall be a body to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;
2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
3. The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.

What is new?

First, it is now clear this amendment will be placed in its own separate chapter at the end of the Constitution in a new section 129. The title of the chapter makes clear it is directed at the "recognition" of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution.

This recognition then flows through to some introductory words which form a preamble at the beginning of the section. These words provide "recognition" of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the "First Peoples of Australia". The terminology used is careful. It avoids the use of "First Nations", which is politically more contentious and might have given rise to implications drawn from the term "Nation". The description "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples" is long-standing and well-accepted, and the statement that they were the First Peoples of Australia is one of fact and recognition. The rest of the proposed amendment remains the same except for a minor alteration of words at the end

except for a minor alteration of words at the end of sub-section (3). Importantly, the guaranteed ability of the Voice to make representations to the executive government remains. However, concerns about this have been addressed by the alteration to sub-section (3).

The concern that had been raised was the High Court might draw an implication from sub-section (2) the representations by the Voice must be considered by government decision-makers before they can validly make a decision, potentially resulting in litigation and the delay of decision-making. While this concern had little to no substance, there was a suggestion some words should be added to the end of sub-section (3) to make it abundantly clear it was a matter for parliament to decide what the legal effects of the Voice's representations would be.

Parliament could make the decision that in some cases decision-makers would be obliged to consider representations first, but there would be no such obligation in relation to other types of decisions. This has now been accommodated by a compromise set of words added to the end of sub-section (3).

These words say parliament can make laws with respect to "to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures."

The words "relating to" and "including" broaden the scope of this power.

They are intended to permit parliament to legislate about the effect of the Voice's representations, so it is a matter for parliament to decide whether the representations of the Voice must be considered by decision-makers when making administrative decisions. They are also intended to permit parliament to extend the powers and functions of the Voice as and when needed in the future.

The question on the ballot

The ballot paper never sets out the whole constitutional amendment, as in many cases, it would go for pages. Instead, voters are asked to approve the proposed law, as it is described in its long title. So the question put on the ballot will be set out as follows:

- A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.
- Do you approve of this alteration?
- Voters then write Yes or No.

What now?

The amendment bill is intended to be introduced in early April. When it is introduced, a parliamentary committee will be set up to allow the public to make their own submissions about the amendment. Anyone who has concerns can have their voice heard by the committee and it remains possible that the committee might recommend alterations to the wording. After the committee reports, the amendment bill will be debated in June and if passed, it will go to a referendum between two and six months after its passage. It will then be a matter for the people to decide.

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Influenza

Influenza (Flu) is a common highly contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Symptoms may include a fever, a cough, a headache and tiredness. The virus spreads through the air when people cough or sneeze, or when they touch surfaces where the virus has landed then touch their eyes, nose or mouth. You can catch flu all year round, but it's especially common in winter. It can be serious, even if you're healthy.



The flu vaccine is the safest and most effective way to help protect against flu. It'll also help reduce the risk of spreading flu to other people who may be more at risk of complications and serious illness if they catch flu.

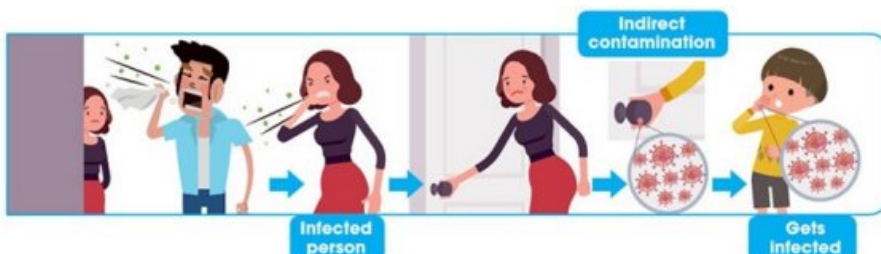
The influenza vaccine has been shown to be effective in preventing illness in about 50-60% of healthy adults under the age of 65 years. A different influenza vaccine is developed each year because the strains of circulating influenza virus can change. The effectiveness of the vaccine can therefore vary by year, the person's age and underlying medical conditions.

It takes about 2 weeks for the vaccine to become effective and protect the individual against influenza. By vaccinating yourself against influenza you are not only protecting yourself, but everyone around you. Flu can be serious and life-threatening. Getting vaccinated is the safest and most effective way to protect yourself.

At risk groups

Influenza vaccination is particularly important for those considered most at risk. Under the National Immunisation Program free influenza vaccines are provided to the following high-risk groups:

- people aged six months to less than five years (can be given at the same time as childhood vaccines).
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged six months and older.
- pregnant women (can be given at any stage of each pregnancy).
- people aged 65 years and older (a vaccine that is specifically designed to produce a higher immune response is available for this group).
- people aged six months and older with medical conditions putting them at increased risk of severe influenza and its complications.



Timing of influenza vaccination

Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for everyone from mid-April onwards to be protected for the peak influenza season, which is typically June to September.

Why is it necessary to receive an influenza vaccine each year?

A different influenza vaccine is developed each year because the strains of circulating influenza virus can change. Experts predict which strains are most likely to affect Australians and include these in the next seasonal influenza vaccine. An influenza vaccine can contain up to four different types of flu strains. The protection provided by influenza vaccines decreases after a few months, so children and adults need to be re-vaccinated each year before winter.

Can influenza vaccines cause influenza?

There is no live virus in the influenza vaccine, so you cannot get influenza from the vaccination. The myth that the vaccine causes influenza probably results from a misinterpretation of mild vaccine side effects, which are a sign that the body is responding to the vaccine and producing protection against the actual disease for when you may come into contact with it.

Is the influenza vaccine safe?

As with any medications, vaccines can have side effects. The most common side effects following influenza vaccination include mild fever, headache, muscle and joint pain and injection site reactions. These can occur in the first three days after vaccination and can generally be managed safely at home.

Talk with your immunisation provider about what to expect. Serious side effects are rare. In Australia, we have AusVaxSafety, which monitors the safety of vaccines including seasonal influenza vaccines. This system uses a short SMS survey to ask patients, or parents of children, in a large number of general practices around Australia, if they experienced any health issues in the first few days after vaccination.

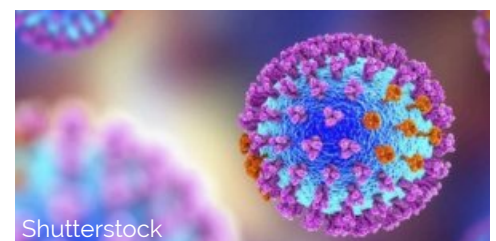
In 2021, 93.6% of people that participated in the survey reported no adverse events following immunisation and only 0.3% of people reported seeking medical attendance (to a GP or emergency department). You can visit AusVaxSafety for further information.

Will the influenza vaccine provide protection against COVID-19?

The influenza vaccine will not protect you against COVID-19. However, it will protect you against influenza and help reduce the severity and spread of influenza this winter.

Can people with an egg allergy receive the influenza vaccine?

Yes, persons with egg allergy, including anaphylaxis, can be safely vaccinated with influenza vaccines. Persons with a history of egg allergy (non-anaphylaxis) can receive an age-appropriate full dose of vaccine in any immunisation setting. Persons with a history of anaphylaxis to egg should be vaccinated in medical facilities with staff experienced in recognising and treating anaphylaxis.





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Unlocking financial secrets for different phases of life

One of the keys to financial success is to adopt the right strategy at the right time. As you move through the stages of life here are some tried and tested 'secrets' that will help you build and protect your wealth.

Teens and young adults

Time is on your side so get saving. Through the magic of compound interest, a little bit invested now can grow into a big amount over time.

Most young people don't want to think about life in 50 years time, but if a 15-year-old starts saving just \$10 per week into an investment returning 5% pa (after fees and tax), when they turn 65 their total outlay of \$26,000 will have grown to over \$116,000. Contributing those savings to a tax-favoured vehicle such as superannuation may provide an even higher final return.

Single life

Saving is still a key strategy as careers are established, but usually with a shorter timeframe and a specific purpose in mind – buying a home, for example. This is a time when savings strategies can be brought undone by the allure of

desirable things and the ease with which in one can go into debt. Take care not to indulge in too many luxuries, and avoid taking on any high interest debt, such as credit cards. Rather, commit to the rather boring, but highly effective 'secret' of working out a budget and sticking to it.

Family focus

The time of kids and mortgages is also the time of peak responsibility. It's likely that your most valuable asset is your ability to earn an income, and illness, disability or death could deprive you and your family of that income.

The financial consequences of each of these possibilities can be managed with a blend of income protection, total and permanent disability, trauma and life insurances.

Preparing for retirement

With offspring launched into the world and earning capacity often at a peak, a wealth of opportunities open up for pre-retirees. By all means enjoy some lifestyle spending, but don't forget to supercharge your super in anticipation of a long retirement.

For additional tax benefits, look at making salary sacrifice contributions, perhaps combined with a transition to

retirement strategy. In times of normal interest rates, using surplus income to pay off any outstanding home loan is often recommended. However, when interest rates are very low, investing spare income into super and leaving debt repayments until later may deliver a better outcome.

Golden years

Australians are up there with the leaders when it comes to enjoying long and healthy retirements.

That means retirement savings need to last, so a): don't go too hard too fast in spending your hard-earned super, and b): don't invest too conservatively, particularly in times of ultra low interest rates. On the plus side, if you've employed the above secrets in each phase of life, you should be in good shape to enjoy a long, financially comfortable retirement.

Whatever your stage of life, there are many things you could be doing to secure your financial future. To find out more, talk to your financial adviser.

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Artificial Intelligence and Optometry

The invention and release of the open AI site Chat GPT has got a lot of people thinking about what the future looks like. Will artificial intelligence take our jobs, get children through school, write wedding speeches, or start World War 3?

I recently sat down with ChatGPT and asked for the treatment for a common eye condition, and it gave a pretty good answer and treatment paradigm.

I don't think there will be a time where optometrists will be replaced with machines or AI, but I think, (machines and technology already have), AI will improve patient care. A perfect example of this is the detection of diseases such as glaucoma.

Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness globally. Given the ageing global population, it is projected that by 2040, 112 million people will be living with glaucoma. Glaucoma is the loss of nerves within the retina that translates to the loss of peripheral vision and, if untreated, can affect central vision.

These changes are mostly visible via observing structural changes to the optic nerve head at the back of the eye. The major risk factors include age, intraocular pressure and family history.

Fortunately, the prognosis of glaucoma is excellent when detected early and treated accordingly. Given the disease is multifactorial, it can be hard to give a definitive diagnosis. Disturbingly, approximately 60% of

those with glaucoma in Australia are undiagnosed and untreated. Regular eye examinations and follow ups are required to identify and diagnose glaucoma and findings are subject to observer variation. Thus, Artificial intelligence may help fill the gap and assist in the accuracy and consistency in glaucoma detection.

Recently, a cloud based system and deep learning convolutional neural network (CNN) based on colour photos of the optic nerve head of the eye have achieved a measured accuracy of 92.9% in the detection of glaucoma.

It analysed structural changes common at the level of the optic nerve of thousands of eyes and was able to identify the changes associated with glaucoma in several patients.

Evidently, AI can then be used as a tool for the screening of glaucoma, say in rural areas that don't have access to an optometrist; or even in countries that have no access whatsoever to primary health care.

Secondly, AI can assist optometrists in the clinical setting to avoid misdiagnosing or missing the early-to-intermediate stages of glaucoma as it can be a difficult pathology to diagnose.

Artificial intelligence appears to be here to improve our lives and health care outcomes. Not take our jobs and obliterate humanity. I personally look forward to incorporating AI into my clinical practice.

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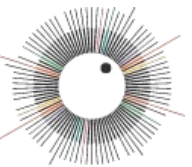
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Dingley Football Netball Club



After months of preparation in a new era, the Season openers didn't quite go to plan as our four Football Teams failed to register a win. We ran into last year's Grand Finalists Cheltenham in the Seniors, Reserves & U19s, whilst last year's Premiers in the Thirds in Bentleigh. Cheltenham were a little further advanced in their preparation given they had a solid Season Opener the week before against Cranbourne on Good Friday.

Without making any excuses, there were enough signs to suggest we are only going to get better, and the bigger grounds will suit our young players run. Inaccuracy at goal and poor forward entries cost our young side momentum at key stages and a classy Cheltenham capitalised.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
SENIORS				
Cheltenham	4.2-26	9.6-60	12.8-80	15.10-100
Dingley	0.5-5	1.9-15	3.10-28	6.15-51
Dingley Goal Kickers: C. Hansen 2, R. Goldsmith, T. Morecroft, C. Dickie, L. Walmsley Best Players: C. Hansen, A. Windhager, L. Benton, C. Dickie, T. Mckinley, L. Frith				
RESERVES				
Cheltenham	2.4-16	6.6-42	8.10-58	12.13-85
Dingley	2.2-14	2.2-14	2.4-16	4.4-28
UNDER 19s				
Cheltenham	1.3-9	3.3-21	4.3-27	7.5-47
Dingley	1.4-10	3.10-28	3.10-28	5.11-41
Dingley Best Players: J. Letts, O. Chugg, J. McGaw, F. Bochel, D. Dunstan, J. Bevis				

THIRDS

Dingley 44 v Bentleigh 94
Best. Mattic, Moran, Ades, Mcall, Craney

SENIOR DEBUTANTS

Four Senior Debutants were unveiled against Cheltenham. Tom Morecroft- Nickname -Snags. Former Junior who has returned to the Den after a stint with Old Mentonians. Coming off a 60+ goal season he will feature in our gold kickers weekly.

Brad Cunningham - Nickname - Brad (At this stage) A Goulburn Valley boy born and bred in Euroa. A 32 year old ball of muscle, his legs are as wide as they are long. The Director of 'The Fit Shop' in Cheltenham, Brad is a human wrecking ball that will leave a few backman winded this year.

Luke Frith - Nickname – Frithy, Crossed over with new Senior Coach Zach from Frankston Bombers. A tall forward and backup ruckman who will throw himself at every contest.

Jack Lalor - A locally produced gun. Still an U19 player, this kid reads the ball as well as any, attacks it without fear and makes great decisions under pressure. Composed and will only get better with more experience.

ROUND 1 NETBALL

Great start to the season with some good results across the teams! The day started nice but ended with heavy rain but that didn't stop people supporting other teams! A big thank you to all those who came early or stayed till the last game, your support was very much appreciated by all! Big Thanks to Mon and Chloe who took on the coaching of Div 1&2 today while AJ was busy with nationals!

Div 1 defeated Edithvale/Aspendale 45-42

Div 2 defeated by Murrumbene 30-45

Div 3 defeated South Yarra 1 32-24

The girls had a great game today! They have already started to gel and are playing some impressive netball! Our shooters were very accurate considering the conditions! The mid court worked hard to bring the ball down the court and linked well with the shooters! Our defence end was strong and consistent getting many tips, deflections and intercepts! Special mention to Ruby who decided to use the court as a slip and slide leading to the game being called off 5 min early due to heavy rain! Great start to the season!

Div 6 defeated South Yarra 4, 43-25

We started out the first half with only 1 point difference, our 3rd quarter we absolutely killed it bringing it up to I think 15 goals! could be wrong! the guys did absolutely amazing, they started listening and getting turnover after turnover! Alex did an absolutely amazing job, Holly was applying great pressure throughout the mid court! And Darcy's feeding was improving minute by minute! Super super happy with our team today!!

Div 8 defeated by South Yarra 5, 23-44

Today we started our season as a new group of girls playing together against a strong South Yarra team. We had lots of positives out of the game with some really good passages of play. Defence was strong throughout the game and feeding into the circle was good. Just a few things to work on at training but when the girls' gel as a team they will be great.

Div 10 defeated by Hampton Park 44-37

Team 6 went down 37-44 to Hampton Park in a tough game. The team did really well against a rough opposition and were up by one at half time. Unfortunately, Hampton got away from us in the third quarter and we struggled to catch them in the last. Shout out to Zoe, Megan and Caitlin - all new to the club but smashed it in defence. It is going to be a great year!



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Is Now the Time to Buy?

"Be fearful when others are greedy, and be greedy when others are fearful" is Warren Buffet advice to wise investors, applicable to all asset markets. Looking at the current real estate market that looks great advice.

Whilst there are many doomsday forecasters still making headlines, the underlying fundamentals of the real estate market look strong. Buyers have returned to the market in early 2023, seeking to take advantage of lower prices. Property prices have stabilised; quality property in quality location remains in demand.

Increases in interest rates have had a very real impact on borrowing capacity for everyone. For some that will mean they cannot do anything. For others, it creates opportunity. Looking at the big picture: The slowdown in development activity, in combination with an acceleration in population growth, has placed a floor under how far prices can fall.

A shortage of rental properties in high demand areas is causing historically low vacancy rates and skyrocketing rents. During COVID the big cities emptied out. Now international students are back, and immigration has resumed.

PropTrack (realestate.com.au) is reporting regional Australia experienced extreme demand both to buy and rent through the pandemic, as people sought more space and affordable housing, taking advantage of work from home opportunities.

Affordability factors are continuing to drive that move where job/income flexibility allow it, however stronger demand pressures are now back in the cities as net migration rebounds strongly and inner-city rental markets recover off their Covid lows.

A trend to smaller households is adding to the pressure – rental demand has increased for smaller dwellings to house less people, meaning more dwellings are required to house the same number of people. Sharing bedrooms is outmoded and no longer acceptable, that thinking is extending to households.

CoreLogic are reporting particularly strong growth in rents in the major capital cities, with rents up by as much as 30 per cent in inner Melbourne and 20 per cent inner Sydney over the past 12 months. The media often report such rent increases as an 'ugly landlord' story. However, the reality is there is a shortage of supply. We need more dwellings, and more landlords.

A well-balanced real estate market will have approximately 30% of housing stock available for rental. There will always be that demand for rental accommodation, with a higher percentage required in inner city areas, lower in regional. Owning investment property is servicing that demand.

The National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation (NHFIC) recently predicted a shortage of 106,000 homes in Australia by 2027 because of high interest rates, increased immigration, a lack of building, and community opposition to development.

We are experiencing demand for housing increasing faster than supply.

That supply shortage is what has already pushed up prices, and the problem is set to become worse.

When will you act?

If you have the desire to buy and can afford to buy, then what are you waiting for? No-one is going to ring a bell at some 'perfect time'. Markets have dropped from previous excess, and now have flattened. Will they drop again? Maybe, anything is possible. Certainly, there are increasing pressures with supply shortages, and at some point, prices will go up again.

The newspapers will continue to promote panic, gloom, and doom. That is how the media gets readers. It also creates opportunity to buy, for first home buyers and investors alike. But you need to look through the smokescreen.

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Learn more about familiar faces from Dingley Village Shopping Centre!



Meet Kathleen & Leah from Flowers by Kathleen Kelly!

How long has Flowers by Kathleen Kelly been operating at Dingley Village Shopping Centre?

We have been open for 3 years and 34 days now (but who's counting)! This photo of us is from when we first got the keys to the shop.



Can you each share with us something about your background?

Kathleen: I worked in the floristry industry for about 11 years prior to opening the store. Before that I spent 25 years working in Interior Design which translated so well into floristry.

Leah: I have two children, and my hubby helps out with the business as well. Our eldest comes into the shop sometimes to help (for a little bit of pocket money)! When we opened the store I completely changed my career, coming from the building industry and launched into learning floristry through our family run business.

Do you live locally? How do you feel about the Dingley Village community?

All of us at Flowers by Kathleen Kelly live in the local area. Which means... No commute! Dingley Village is a close-knit community, a pocket full of friendship.

What is one of your favourite products that you stock at Flowers by Kathleen Kelly?

It goes without saying but... We LOVE flowers! Seeing people's faces when you deliver their flowers is so rewarding. We love that everything we sell in the store is local. We are all about supporting local small business!



What is something that you are each personally passionate about, outside of your work at Flowers by Kathleen Kelly?

Kathleen: Creative writing.

Leah: Photography. I love taking candid, natural, portraits. Capturing the natural essence of people enjoying a moment in time.



Meet Kim from Dingley Fish and Chips!

How long have you been running Dingley Fish and Chips?

Since January this year, so I am new to the Dingley Village Shopping Centre community!

Can you share with us something about your background?

I am Chinese, originally from Hangzhou which is a city East of Shanghai. I met my wife here in Australia and we are expecting our first baby midway through this year! Before taking on Dingley Fish and Chips I worked in hospitality for about 15 years, mainly in restaurants.

How do you feel about your local community of customers in Dingley Village?

This community is so nice and friendly, they share feedback and have been so welcoming since we came on board with the shop at the start of the year.

What is one of your favourite items on the menu at Dingley Fish and Chips?

Potato cakes are the best! Who doesn't love a potato cake? We source fresh from a good supplier and prepare, slice and cook them each day. It's all about the texture and the taste.

Do you have a memorable moment that has happened at Dingley Fish and Chips that you can share with us?

A lovely lady comes in once a week, she always smiles and asks about my day. She shares with me her life experiences and about how to keep strong when facing challenges.



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Dingley Scouts

Community is one of the key elements of Scouting. Being part of, and giving to, the community we live in, but to the wider community too.

Dingley Scout Group has a long-standing tradition of participating in our local ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Every year youth, Leaders and families meet at our hall and walk around to the memorial to show our respect for those that have fought, and continue to fight, for the freedom we now enjoy. This year we were again proud to be asked to provide the flag bearers for our Dawn Service. Well done to both Ben and Seth for representing Dingley Scout Group.

Our sections have been busy planning how to celebrate an important person(s) in their life. Happy Mother's Day to all the mum's, Grandmothers, special people and mother figures out there. You are all amazing and we thank you for all that you do. Planning has also been in full swing for Term 2. The weather may be a little bit dreary, but not our programs. There's lots of fun in store for Term 2.



Want to know more, contact our Group Leader, Vanessa, her details are below, and let's see where the adventure takes you.

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For more information about Dingley Scout Group contact Vanessa on **0402 489 773** or email dingleyscoutgroup@gmail.com

WRITERS CORNER



The Apartment

It was only a week until the auction. The apartment was expected to go for a good price. Location, location, location. The Sydney Harbour gleamed below, our home in excellent condition for a forty-year-old. Better than mine, I'm seventy-five and I have bones that creak like the floorboards and a pallor that would be difficult for me to mix on my palette that I used every day.

Jenny had been suggesting for some time that we move home, in readiness for the next stage in our lives. A nice transition she called it, we should be closer to all the specialists and medical facilities that I needed. She had her eye on a complex of apartments in Rose Bay that some of our friends had moved into. We could catch up more regularly, she said.

I was furious at the suggestion at first. My mood evolved into angry, took a turn at being extremely annoyed and had now settled into a solid pattern of remorse and childlike indignation. I liked this place, it was where my heart was, but who am I to argue with the Goddess of Logic. I think that time and that little heart turn had worn down my resistance. At first, I'd called her callous, but I had regretted that, perhaps ageing people have to look in the mirror sometime or other.

We did all the necessary things to get the apartment ready for the auction. We even paid an exorbitant amount to a bespectacled and cream shirted consultant to insert a more contemporary look in advance of the auction. She kept saying ambience, ambience, ambience! The result was an eyeful of fluffy pillows, some prints that clashed with every fibre of my artistic soul, a round table for magazines and the obligatory welcoming wall hangings.

My paintings weren't the right look, she said. That raised a strong flicker of irritation, anger wasn't far away. Hey, I am a successful artist; my paintings sit in galleries all over the country. There's even one in the National Gallery, for goodness' sake. That made me see scarlet red, perhaps a carmine; whatever it was reddish.

The boys came over early on the day, they wanted to be part of the action. The release of cedar scent had soaked the place in calmness, they were supposed to leave the impression with any discerning buyer that we were in a forest in Sweden and not surrounded by high rises and bitumen.

The melodious strains of Ella and Satchmo completed the stage setting. Who wouldn't want this place, even Sydney Harbour had turned up for the party, a beautiful spring day, little green ferries

sluicing through waves leaving a pretty train of white in their wake. Looking at this scene from the shore won't be the same but I had to move on, right?

We all met at the Café out front while the wannabe buyers invaded our home. The home where we had raised Will and Steve and faced and beaten some of life's challenges such as Jenny's breast cancer and the passing of my mother during COVID 19. I will miss the best coffee in Sydney, too. Jenny wouldn't, she drank tea. As we reminisced, my mood had been turned all the way up to reluctant resignation but without any pretence of grace. I would have to find a new way to enjoying my art without being able to be amazed by the changes that I could view every day on the masterpiece that was Sydney Harbour.

The auction was to be in thirty minutes when we left the barista's call of good luck. Jenny was anxious and took the stairs while the boys and I took the slower track offered by the lift. We exchanged a few well-meaning glances, but the boys understood the situation, a massive change in my life awaited, and we kept the silence.

I could hear Jenny yelling as we arrived at our floor! Screaming perhaps would be a better description. We quickened our steps toward the apartment, worried that something serious had happened to her. We ran into auction attendees that were leaving the place in droves. I baulked a visitor or two and made my way into the apartment. Jenny was angrily berating an older lady and gentleman.

"How dare you? Fingering our lace like that, like a paper doily someone picked up at a \$2 shop. It's Belgian linen. My husband and I bought that in Brussels on our honeymoon." The elderly couple backed away as I reached Jenny. I felt sorry for them, they were clearly bewildered by this turn of events and visibly upset by Jenny's rants. They began competing for space with the real estate agent to be next out of the door.

Jenny had been crying, and through sobs she told me that she couldn't do it, that we couldn't sell our home, our heart. "Our boys were raised here; I found my life again here after my fight with cancer. Every thread, every pane of glass, every floorboard has our genes. I can't let someone take this from us."

I hugged her as the boys came up to us. We all embraced.

I was thinking that anger has its place sometimes.

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Country Women's Association Dingley Village



CWA Dingley Branch are holding their annual Mother's Day Stall on Friday May 5 at Woolworths Dingley from 9.00am - 4.00 pm or until sold out. Lots of things on offer, so get in early! Mother's Day gifts, baking, preserves, scones (of course!), craft, baby knits, winter knits for the family, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Sue on **0434 879 875**.

The Country Women's Association is for all women, all ages and from all places in the country and the city. Our Dingley branch meets at 10.00am on the 4th Wednesday of the month. If you would like more details about CWA or the Dingley Group, please Sue.

Spring Park YWCA Golf Club

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

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

Further information:

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



Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Our gatherings adjacent to the Sports Bar of the Dingley International Hotel are being held only on the 2nd Thursday of the month so the next one will be on the 11th May and the June one is on the 8th. Starting time is 7.00 PM and meals and snacks are available if you want to make a night of it. Of course, you have the usual wide choice of beverages being dispensed for your indulgence.

Our regular dinner on the last Saturday of the month is proving popular with members and the next one will be on the 27th of May. Advice of future activities and venues are made at the Thursday gatherings and to facilitate bookings you can indicate which particular events you wish to attend.

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 are more than happy to welcome new members to the Group. Enquiries can be made to Graeme on **9551 3462**.

PS - Winter is approaching - think warm restaurants, hearty meals and good company.

Probus Club Dingley Central



At our April meeting the guest speaker was Les Marton, a former pilot and avid Concorde enthusiast. Les first saw a picture of the Concorde in 1969 when he was 10 years old, which commenced his interest in aviation.

Les described how the supersonic Concorde was designed and tested in a time when computer simulations were not yet invented. His first commercial flight was in 1976.

Capable of succeeding 2,000km/hr, the Concorde carried 101 passengers plus crew, but it was very expensive to run. A ticket at the time cost \$9000 (or \$77,000) in today's money. On a one way trip the supersonic jet would consume enough fuel to run an average car for 50 years.

Due to the high angle attack on landing, its famous droop nose was required to see the runway but was straightened during normal flight for aerodynamic streamlining. Les also discussed Concorde's fatal crash in July 2000 in France that tarnished its reputation. This caused the Concorde to lose financial support from both French and British governments and the airliners were subsequently mothballed.

Activities planned for May:

Happy Hour, Legs and Morning Coffee, iPad group, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, Morning Melodies, Day Tour, Mens Lunch, Craft Group and Games Day.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 10am at the "Salvation Army Kingston Centre" 13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village.

New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Jean on **0438 272 232**.

Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

The Members enjoyed their Lunch Out last Month. Autumn is now well and truly upon us as can be confirmed by the colouring-up of the deciduous trees.

Mothers' Day seems to come around very quickly - nevertheless we would like to wish all Mothers the best.

The Month of May has five Mondays in it so the Arranged Activities for May are as follows:

1st - Bingo followed by afternoon tea.
8th - Games followed by afternoon tea.
15th - Bingo followed by afternoon tea.
22nd - Games followed by afternoon tea.
29th - Lunch at the Club to be followed by a Trivia Afternoon.

For more information, contact our President, Mary, on **0439 426 728** or our Vice President, Joan, on **0421 736 795**.

Dingley Village Historical Society

We are open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. 10 - 12noon (closed public Hols.) We can open other days if and as requested. We are at 31A Marcus Rd, near the library. Ph **9551 4374** (a message can be left) or email, enquiries@dvhs.com.au

Keysborough & District Multicultural Senior Citizens Inc.

This over 55s club is located at 352 Cheltenham Road Keysborough and has now resumed activities for 2023. The following activities are available for members and visitors:

Tuesdays

Bingo on the 1st, 2nd and 4th of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry and \$1.50 per book. Concerts with professional entertainers on the 3rd Tuesday of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry.

Bus day trips are undertaken periodically in lieu of Bingo and cost depends on destination and bus hiring.

Wednesdays

Line Dancing 1pm to 3pm - \$6.00 entry.

Thursdays

Ballroom dancing lessons 12.30 to 1.00pm and Ballroom dancing from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Entry \$3.00.

Tea and coffee are supplied for all activities.

Entertainment schedules arranged are:

16th May - Marcia Rae.
20 June - Michael Reed.

Club is offering membership for \$5.00 until 30th June 2023.

Enquiries can be made to Jo on **0409 944 133**

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 on **0425 862 718**.

Dingley Village Men's Shed



Opening Hours and General Activities:

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

Every Friday Morning (except holidays as designated), come along, enjoy a cuppa, a chat & meet with your fellow shedders. We also hold a great Raffle (fundraiser) for members & visitors, and also a Golf Putting Comp.

Other Activities from time to time include Golf Days, Special Event Days e.g., Cup Day & Australia Day BBQ's, plus, the occasional outing to places of interest.

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

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

Lions Club of Dingley Village



If anybody has any of the following items, they can be left at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Pre-loved spectacles, sunglasses and hearing aids and used stamps are still needed.

Thank you to all who have donated, please keep them coming in. Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday at 7.00pm at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village (Public Holidays excluded). These meetings are informal and friendly.

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

Rotary Club Noble Park – Dingley



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 email info@npdrotaryclub.org.au for more information.

Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club (Voice Interest Education of Women)



New members are most welcome to join our monthly meetings and learn from our guest speakers and enjoy our monthly social outings.

VIEW (Voice Interests, and Education of Women) Clubs support The Smith Family and their Learning for Life Programme which provides education for vulnerable Australian children.

Australia has over one million children living below the poverty line. Dingley Cheltenham VIEW Club are currently sponsoring 7 Children with their education.

Women from all walks of life are most welcome to join us please contact Fran Thomas for further information. franniet@gmail.com or **0419 309 931**.

Meeting; Second Tuesday of the month at 10am. Where: Keysborough Golf Club, 55 Hutton Rd Keysborough, easy parking.

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

All enquiries phone **0431 244 561**
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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:

Second Tuesday Of Each Month

Queer Allies - A Peer Support Group for family and friends of LGBTQIA+ people to share the journey of growing in understanding, acceptance and support. Meets at 7.00 p.m. Questions: Andrea Mayes **0408 65 939** or heathertondingleyunitingchurch@gmail.com.

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**.

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 **0418 998 714**.

First Friday Of Each Month

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

Third Saturday On Odd Months Of The Year

Bark And Chat

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

Third Saturdays On Even Months Of The Year

A special service for dog owners and lovers to which you can bring your dog. For further information contact Margaret on 0401 392 772 or Rev Deacon Andrea Mayes on **0408 65 939**

Village Church Inc.



"Inspiring People to Discover and Develop Life in Christ"

Church Office: 7-9 Fiveways Blvd, Keysborough. 3173
Phone number: **8712 8254**
Email: admin@villagechurch.org.au
www.villagechurch.org.au

Our Church offers a range of ministries as follows:

Sundays

10.00 a.m. Worship Service at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough and via livestream through <https://www.villagechurch.org.au> *Kids Church at 7 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough - 10.30am for 4-year-olds through to Grade 6. All welcome.

Prayer Time

Weekly - Wednesdays 10-11am
Monthly - This month is Saturday 15th April; 9-10am at the church. Monday 17th April; 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom Only. Contact office for link.

Please contact the office for further details and to register your interest in any of the following groups.

Bible Studies

We have different fortnightly groups that run throughout the week.

Monthly Ladies Group

Once a month 2nd Saturday of the month at 1.30pm

Monthly Men's Group

Once a month, this month it falls on the last Sunday (30th May) at 5pm (BBQ and study begins at 6pm)

Young Adults' Life Groups

Fortnightly on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm.

Youth Group

Every Friday night during school term 7pm till 9pm. *Youth group not held during school holidays.

Special Event Coming up

- Sunday 7th May

Creation Ministries

- Noah's Ark—Deluge of Evidence

Get Answers! Does God exist? How can anyone believe in religion when science has proved no God is necessary? Is evolution happening today? If there is a loving God, then why do we die?

Want answers? Get them! Creation Ministries International is coming soon (see details below) with answers to these and many other important questions. Come along and listen to Rod Walsh expose the bankruptcy of evolutionary ideas.

You'll be blown away to see how the supposed 'scientific evidence for evolution' is really nothing of the sort.

This is an issue that affects everyone. According to the theory of evolution as taught in schools and universities, there is no need for God - everything made itself. If that's true, it means there is no spiritual realm - you don't have a spirit and there is no afterlife. So 'spirituality' is just an 'evolutionary trick of the mind'!

But the Bible gives a very different picture about our origins. And many scientists now recognize that the scientific evidence, when properly understood, confirms the biblical account.

Title: Noah's Ark—Deluge of Evidence

R.S.V.P by 5th May. Please call the church office on 8712 8254 (Mon-Thur)
Date: Sunday 7 May 2023
Time: 5.00pm - 7.30pm
Venue: Village Church Inc
7 Fiveways Blvd, Keysborough

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 Helen or Lesley on **8712 8254** with any enquiries you might have and leave a message if the office is unattended. Our Pastor is Rodney Hole who may be contacted through the Church Office.

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
Email: admin@crm.org.au

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

Our Kids Ministry at Kingston City Church is called, KINGDOM KIDS! Our program runs during our Sunday morning service at 10am.

We have four rooms running each week. The Creche, Toddler/Kinder Room, the Primary Room and the Parent Room - for parents who want to listen to the service while their kids are playing and occupied. We have seen an increase in the number of kids attending our program. We are really excited about this!

Each week we have a team of dedicated leaders and youth helpers sharing the word of God with the children and praying with them. We have also been encouraging the children to sing praises and worship together, in each room. Our vision and desire is to see the children grow in their faith and to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; to know their Heavenly Father and to be touched by the Holy Spirit.

We have also been breaking up the children into smaller discussion groups for prayer and ministry time. We are very glad to see our older primary kids reading the Word of God together, sharing and praying

for each other in their groups. We are praying for the touch and the move of the Holy Spirit in the hearts and lives of the children in our Kids Ministry.

Pauline Martin-Nathaniel
Kids Ministry Leader

Christ Church - Anglican Church Dingley Village



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

Sunday Services

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

Connect Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

2nd Tuesday Monthly Service

2pm Pleasant Tuesday Traditional Holy Communion with favourite hymns in the Heritage Church followed by social afternoon tea. Please contact our office for transport if needed.

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Wednesday 1pm in the Heritage Church
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Mass Times

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The Salvation Army Kingston City 'You Belong'



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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.

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Echo Church



Vision: 'heaven to earth'

"Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
- Matthew 6:10

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