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COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FRONT AND CENTRE AHEAD OF STATE ELECTION

Kingston Council has launched its 'Put Kingston First' campaign, calling on all political parties and candidates to commit to delivering key local priorities ahead of the Victorian State Election this November.

The campaign puts forward a suite of projects shaped directly by community feedback, reflecting what Kingston residents have told Council matters most for their neighbourhoods, now and into the future. Kingston Mayor Cr Georgina Oxley said the campaign is grounded in the voices of the community.

"We've listened to what people want for their neighbourhoods, and this campaign is about making sure those local priorities are heard loud and clear in the lead-up to the State Election." Cr Oxley said the proposed projects represent practical, ready-to-deliver opportunities for State Government partnership.

"We know what our community needs; better local facilities, more vibrant public spaces and infrastructure that keeps pace with growth," she said. "These are well-planned, community-backed projects that are ready for investment and will make a real difference to people's daily lives."

The campaign builds on a strong track record of partnership between Council and the Victorian Government. "Some of our best community facilities have been delivered through genuine partnerships between Council and the Victorian Government," Cr Oxley said. "Projects like pavilion redevelopments, sports lighting upgrades and new playgrounds show how we successfully work together to deliver fantastic community outcomes."



"The projects in this campaign are planned, prioritised and ready to proceed. With State Government support, we can deliver them sooner and give our community the infrastructure it needs now and into the future."

The Put Kingston First campaign identifies priority projects for co-investment including:

- Upgrading early childhood centres in growing areas such as Dingley Village and Edithvale.
- Revitalising key community hubs like the Kingston Arts Precinct in Moorabbin and the Mordialloc Community Centre.
- Investing in parks, open space and active transport, including improvements to the Edithvale- Seaford Wetlands boardwalk.
- Enhancing local shopping precincts including Chelsea, Highett, Parkdale and Dingley Village.
- Major upgrades to sporting facilities to support growing participation, particularly among women and juniors.

Cr Oxley said the election presents a key opportunity to secure support. "Our community has told us what matters and now we're asking candidates to back it," she said.

"When local and state governments partner on projects that communities genuinely want and need, the results speak for themselves. This election is a real opportunity to deliver lasting benefits for Kingston and we're ready to work with all candidates to make it happen."

Residents can learn more about the Put Kingston First campaign and explore local priorities by visiting kingston.vic.gov.au/put-kingston-first.



Information in this article provided by City of Kingston

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 18TH JULY | 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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1300 659 467

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Vic Emergency Hotline
1800 226 226

Poisons Info: 13 11 26

Emergency Relief
(MADDV) 9551 1799

MensLine:
1300 789 978

WIRE
(Women's Information and
Referral Exchange):
1300 134 130

Safe Steps:
1800 015 188

Nurse on Call:
1300 60 60 24

Tip Smells & Dust:
EPA 1300 372 842

Aircraft Noise:
1800 802 584

Neighbourhood Centre:
8512 0505

Community Association:
dvncasecretary@gmail.com

Men's Shed:
9551 5892

VicRoads Faults
and Hazards:
13 11 70

RSPCA
9224 2222

Justice of the Peace

Marion Harriden 9551 1799

Document Signing Station
Springvale Library
1300 630 920

Patchwork for Charity

Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm with our volunteers Helen and Carrie, they are creating a variety of handmade items for charity organisations, and any fabric donations are greatly appreciated. Beginners welcome to learn hands-on.



Dingley Village Social Group

Looking to meet new people in a fun, relaxed setting? Playing cards, games, bingo, scrabble & mahjong. Every Monday from 1.00pm-3.30pm in the Harold Box Hall at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre.



31b Marcus Rd Dingley Village VIC 3172. \$2.00 per visit & light refreshments are provided. Enquiries: admin@dvnc.com.au or Ph: 8512 0505.

Neurodiverse Parents Support Group with Geraldine

Parent lead group for children under the age of 16 with Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia and Dyscalculia. Meeting Rooms 4/5 every 3rd Wednesday of the Month from 6.30pm-8.00pm Contact Geraldine Howley on 0449 150 415 or email: geraldineahowley@gmail.com

Teens Games Group

Fun environment for teenagers from 13 - 17 to enjoy games together. Strategy, fantasy & sci-fi style board & role-playing.

Free event, Friday 5.30 - 7.30 pm in DVNC meeting room 4,5 & 6 and Girls Club in the Craft Room.

Dingley Village Playgroup

Monday 9.00am-11.00am
Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am
\$40.00 Term fee in the Playgroup room. In the new DVNC centre & Early Years services building. Email: admin@dvnc.com.au or Ph: 8512 0505



Zumba Gold with Norma

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



Body and Balance with Norma

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

Social Table Tennis

Catering to all skill levels both men & women. Come along and join this friendly group. Mon, 9am & Wed 12.30pm in the Harold Box Hall \$3.00 per session. New members Welcome. No need to book just come along.



Pilates

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

Knit, Craft & Natter with Marlene

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

Chatty Café with Sue & Jo

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



Collection Point

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

Taekwondo with David

Mon & Thurs 5 -7pm in the 'Harold Box Hall'. If you are interested in joining, contact David on 0439 304 579.

Tai Chi with James

Tai Chi aids the reduction of anxiety of stress; it also helps increase flexibility and balance. Sessions are held in the Harold Box Hall.

Tuesdays - 9am - 11am.
Wednesdays - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Contact James: 0430 570 460.



Agna Yoga with Sneha

Yoga & Meditation class in the Harold Box Hall, weekly on Fridays from 6pm-7pm. All enquires to agnayogawellness@outlook.com or Ph: 0421 876 858

Sound Healing with Danielle

Bio tuning session 1st Tuesday of the month from 7pm-7.45pm in the Harold Box Hall. All enquires contact Danielle at Biofieldbayside@outlook.com or Ph: 0478 736 675.

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COMMUNITY

DVCA General Meeting

The DVCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Library Meeting rooms, 31C Marcus Road Dingley Village. All residents of Dingley Village, young & old, are welcome to attend.

2026 Citizen of the Year

Make A Difference, Dingley Village (MADDV) wishes to publicly congratulate Marlene Nanscawen, who was awarded the 2026 City of Kingston Citizen of the Year, at a ceremony held on Thursday 21st May. Marlene has been a cherished part of MADDV, for many decades, her service has never been just about volunteering – it has been about lifting spirits, welcoming people with warmth, and creating a place where everyone feels seen and valued.

CEO Marion Harriden said "This award is a beautiful recognition of a life lived generously and a spirit that continues to make a difference, and although she has recently passed the baton to the next generation of volunteers, Marlene continues to visit, encourage, and – in true Marlene style – still finds herself joyfully "roped in" to help whenever she's around. Her legacy is woven through the heart of MADDV, she has inspired countless volunteers, supported thousands of families, and left behind a heritage of laughter, joy, and hope that continues to ripple through our community."



Dingleyites are The Best

Two local residents' wish to acknowledge and give thanks for the assistance they received from locals. Firstly, the wonderful Mob from Monas' Coffee who came to a resident's rescue, recently, they were prompt, practical and cheerful, said the local who wishes to remain anonymous.

Another resident took a tumble at the rear of our friendly Chemist at Dingley Village. She wishes to offer her sincere thanks to the two Dingley nurses who came to her rescue. They provided first aid, got her on her feet and delivered her into the hands of very competent InterHealth staff.

The outcome was she was soon home without too much difficulty. A little bruising, but on the mend. "They certainly assured me about people's kindness!!! Thank you to these two special nurses!!!!" said the local resident.

Celebrating the History of Braeside Park & Phar Lap's 100th Birthday

The Friends of Braeside Park invite the community to join them in celebrating Braeside Parks history on Saturday 1st August between 1100 am – 200 pm. The day will include the unveiling of a tribute to one of the park's most famous residents, Phar Lap and the launch of the seven painted panels telling the story of the park. Enter off Lower Dandenong Road and follow the signs.

Dingley Central Probus Guest Speaker

John Gardner, "The Dunny Man"-Humorous tales of sanitary services, will be guest speaker on Monday 6th July at 10 am. Probus is a social club for retirees or semi-retirees and meets on the first Monday of the month. Meetings are at Kingston Salvation Army, hall in Dingley. All are welcome. For more details contact the Secretary, Ruth on 0419 899 558.

Are you decluttering?

Boomerang Bags needs clean doona covers, Patchwork material, Polar fleece or tracksuit material to make Possum Bags, which are donated to South Oakleigh Animal Shelter. You can drop off donations to the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre reception desk. Boomerang Bags are at the monthly Farmers' Market, where you can support their work by purchasing reusable shopping bags and other products.

SPECIAL DATES IN JULY

1st – 31st July: Dry July

Dry July is a fundraiser that encourages you to go alcohol-free in July to raise funds for people affected by cancer. Having a month off alcohol also has great health benefits, such as sleeping better, having more energy and of course, no hangovers!



5th – 12th July: NAIDOC Week

National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is held annually and is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. It is an opportunity to recognise Indigenous Australians' contributions to our country and society. This year's theme is '50 years of Deadly'.



13th – 19th July: Diabetes Week

Diabetes Australia is calling on all Australians to support the campaign and help to raise awareness of diabetes during National Diabetes Week. Diabetes Australia wants a healthier future – for everyone.

26th July – 2nd August: Donate Life Week

Although 4 in 5 Australians support organ and tissue donation, only 1 in 3 are registered. The goal is to boost registration numbers to 50%. One organ donor can save the lives of up to 7 people and transform the lives of many more through eye and tissue donation. Now is the time to have a conversation with your family about Organ Donation.



10th July: Martyrdom of the Bab * Baha'i

Martyrdom of the Bab commemorates the anniversary of the execution of The Bab (Siyid 'Ali- Muhammad), the prophet-herald of the Baha'i Faith, in 1850 CE.

23rd July: Tisha B'Av * Judaism

Tisha B'Av is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, observed as a major fast day and period of intense mourning. It primarily commemorates the destruction of both the First Holy Temple and the Second Holy Temple in Jerusalem. Beyond the destruction of the Temples, Tisha B'Av has become a universal day for remembering major tragedies in Jewish history.



29th July: Asalha Puja ** Buddhism

Asalha Puja commemorates the Buddha's first teaching and is recognised as the beginning of Buddhism and the monastic community of monks and nuns (Sangha). Also known as Dharma Day.



You can pick up copies of the Dingley Dossier from the Neighbourhood Centre, 31B Marcus Road, Dingley Village and Woolworths Dingley Village. We also have a colour version online www.dvnc.com.au/dossier

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Driving in the rain at night

Driving in the rain at night is one of the most hazardous conditions you can face, as wet surfaces reflect oncoming headlights and obscure lane markings. To stay safe: reduce your speed, use low-beam headlights to cut through glare, and maintain a significant following distance.

Avoid High Beams: High beams will only reflect off the raindrops and create a blinding wall of light.

Following Distance: Wet roads drastically reduce your tire traction. Double your usual following distance to allow for longer braking times.

Follow the Tracks: Drive in the tire tracks of the vehicle ahead of you, as the tires displace most of the standing water, helping you avoid hydroplaning.

Maximize Visibility: Keep your windshield and windows free of streaks and replacing your wiper blades every 6 to 12 months is essential.

Dim Your Dashboard: Lower the brightness of your interior dashboard lights so your eyes can adjust better to the darkness outside.

If visibility drops to zero: Do not stop on the road or the shoulder, as parked cars are frequently rear-ended in these conditions. Take the next exit or safely pull into a brightly lit service station or parking lot to wait out the storm.



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DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

The DVCA AGM will be held on Tuesday 14 July 7:30 pm in the Library Meeting Rooms. As always, any Dingley resident is welcome to attend &/or participate and see what we do at the DVCA to help keep our village a great place to live and work in.

Lately, it seems there is a lot going on 'behind the scenes' at Kingston Council (councillor changes, new budget, monitors) and in the Victorian Government (particularly with election campaigns ramping up). We at DVCA are concerned that this stops real action in the community's interest: we care about progress on the ground, not words in the media.

So DVCA continue to push on several projects. Following on from our visit from Council's General Manager of Planning last month, this month Clarinda local member Meng Heang Tak visited our DVCA meeting, and we asked him several similar questions about local projects. Below is a summary of the issues, and the answers we received.

Kingswood Development

Both Council and Mr. Tak MP oppose several elements of the current plan, particularly the density, insufficient tree retention and impending traffic problems. They appear to understand and respect the nature, strengths and limitations of Dingley Village, which appears at odds with the Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny who is focused on "Victoria's Big Build" and has never visited us. Mr Tak will raise the possibility of a retirement village structure with Ms Kilkenny's office on our behalf.

Satterley held an information session at the DVNC hall during the month to promote their upcoming plan. It now shows 920 lots, and at long last, a pedestrian pathway linking to Marcus Road. DVCA did see some people interested in buying; but also heard many of them comment on how small the lots were for a family-focused, car-dependent suburb.

We hope the market shows Satterley that it is better for all if the blocks are larger, and fewer.

Hawthorn / Kennedy / Tootal Rd

Government support the proposed creation of a basketball centre at the Hawthorn grounds. They said they will explore the idea of improved lighting at the Tootal Road / McClure Road intersection. DVCA, feel it makes obvious sense to do these projects all at once, especially as the development will increase traffic there.

Dingley Village Shops and Streetscape

Improving the streetscape should be simple, but this is another example 'behind the scenes' complication causing unnecessary delays. Some parts are under the control of Council, some VicRoads, and some the owner of the centre. DVCA are urging all parties to sort it out, widen the café ends of the centre, and fix the central carparking situation.

We also expect (demand, really), the Woolworths semi-zebra crossing to be extended to Marcus Road to improve safety, especially for primary school students getting to parents' cars.

Dingley Village

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Westall Rd Connections at Rowan Rd and Spring Rd

The "Black Spot" corner near the netball courts now has a red light turning into Rowan Road, but this has not eased congestion exiting Dingley at all. DVCA are also concerned that the Spring Road & Westall Rd corner will get VERY busy after the development, and needs a slip lane, or lights. Mr Tak agreed and committed to following up on these improvements.

Spring Rd Reserve Masterplan

The old tip closed in 1993 and has had several masterplans over decades for an outdoor active space. The current (2022) Masterplan looks excellent, but there has been no progress in four years that is visible or useable to the community. A lot of feasibility studies and research has been done, and teams are aware of what can and can't be done on areas of the 'cap'. We ask Council again for a clear and committed timeline on this. Mr Tak committed to speaking to Council about the Masterplan progress.

Buses

We are led to believe that bus services are soon to improve on the 811, 812 and 828 lines. We want Dingley Villagers to be able to get to Westall Station and Monash University easily.

Freeway

Unfortunately, some people dump rubbish near the freeway; and not all get caught. Mr Tak will speak to the Member for Frankston about a unified approach to stopping this behaviour, and to more regular maintenance.

Community Events

All agreed that the return of the Dingley Village ANZAC service was excellent, and we congratulate all those involved. We explored the idea of a new signature event in Dingley Village, inspired by Mordi Fest. One idea proposed was a Cultural Diversity Day, utilising all of Dingley Reserve from the Library and Neighbourhood Centre down to Souter Oval. We would love to hear resident input on this potential initiative. DVCA will keep pushing and updating residents on these issues. We want to SEE progress, and tick some of these items off the list ASAP.

Can We Help?

If you have a local issue, you need help with - don't hesitate to contact us and we will see if we can assist you with this. Contact us by email at dvcasecretary@gmail.com or come to our monthly evening meeting.

DVCA Meeting Info

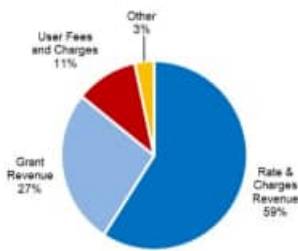
Meetings are held in the Library Meeting Rooms, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7.30pm. Located at 31b Marcus Rd., our next meeting is on the 10th March. The DVCA is always looking for interested residents to join the association and help further the various issues for the improvement of Dingley Village. The DVCA is a voluntary group of Dingley Village residents, not affiliated to any political party and membership is open to all residents who genuinely care about our village.

For further information please contact the DVCA Secretary. Email dvcasecretary@gmail.com.

OUR COUNCIL

City of Kingston's 2026-27 budget

The City of Kingston has adopted its 2026/27 Budget and long-term financial planning documents, outlining continued investment in the services, infrastructure and facilities that support the community every day while ensuring the organisation remains financially sustainable into the future.



The adopted Budget, Long-Term Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan were shaped through an extensive three-stage community engagement process, including more than 670 community submissions and public feedback on the draft budget.

Mayor Georgina Oxley said the adopted budget balanced responsible financial management with investment in the services and infrastructure the community values most. "This budget ensures we can continue delivering the services and infrastructure our community relies on every day, while planning responsibly for Kingston's future in a challenging economic environment," Cr Oxley said.

"We've listened carefully to our community throughout this process, and the adopted budget reflects the priorities people told us matter most, including investment in open spaces, sporting facilities, shopping precincts and infrastructure that supports our growing city."

The 2026/27 Budget includes a capital works program of \$74.7 million and a forecast operating surplus of \$5.8 million, supporting Council's long-term financial sustainability while continuing to invest in community infrastructure and essential services. Council has also continued its targeted support package to assist residents experiencing financial hardship and cost-of-living pressures.

Summary of capital works by category

Category	Amount	Percentage
Roads, Drains, Footpaths and Bike paths	\$21.3m	28%
Playgrounds & Active Recreation	\$18.8m	25%
Mordi Aquatic Centre development	\$12.1m	16%
Community & Sporting Facilities	\$15.3m	21%
Equipment & Technology	\$3.9m	5%
Parks & Reserves	\$3.4m	5%

Peter Bean, Chief Executive Officer said "With a proposed budget of \$317.0 million, and \$74.7 million committed to capital works, we are ready to again deliver a significant and broad portfolio of projects and community services. Kingston is a thriving city with an engaged community and an impressive variety of local businesses, and we are committed to keep building on that."

"While the Mordi aquatic precinct development continues, so will our investment in Waves Leisure Centre. Building renewals, sports club upgrades, flood mitigation, playspace improvements and shopping centre revitalisations are also funded, alongside continued investment in essential services, said Peter Bean, Chief Executive Officer"

The adopted budget includes a rate increase in line with the Victorian Government's 2.75 per cent rate cap and responds to ongoing economic pressures including inflation, utility and fuel costs, interest rates and changing grant funding assumptions.

Major projects will continue across the municipality during 2026/27, including progress on the new Mordi Aquatic Centre alongside upgrades to local parks, sporting facilities, roads, footpaths and community infrastructure.

The Budget, Long-Term Financial Plan and Revenue and Rating Plan are available to view at kingston.vic.gov.au/budget.

Council adopts Governance and Cultural Improvement Action Plan

Kingston has endorsed a new Governance and Cultural Improvement Action Plan, aimed at refining how things are done across the organisation. As part of our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and good governance, it focuses on a range of key priorities. The action plan spells out a range of practical initiatives that will strengthen governance, foster a positive and collaborative culture, and support effective leadership and decision-making across Council.

Mayor Georgina Oxley said the plan reflects Council's commitment to best practice and strong governance. "We are proud of the work we do for our community, but we also recognise there is always room to improve," Cr Oxley said. "This action plan provides a clear blueprint for how we continue strengthening our governance practices, culture and accountability over the remainder of this council term. "Importantly, this plan acknowledges the positive work already happening across council, while also identifying practical opportunities to strengthen and introduce new ways of working."

"The process has involved significant input from councillors, council officers and the Municipal Monitors, and demonstrates our shared commitment to continuous improvement and delivering the best possible outcomes for our community. "Good governance is not a one-off exercise, it requires ongoing reflection, leadership and a willingness to keep improving. This plan ensures we remain focused on that work."



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The action plan includes ongoing monitoring and biannual progress reporting to council and the Minister for Local Government to ensure transparency and accountability as implementation progresses. The plan was developed through a dedicated councillor working group established earlier this year and informed by feedback from all councillors, council officers and the monitors.

Kingston celebrates outstanding community champions

Kingston's most dedicated volunteers and community organisations have been recognised at the City of Kingston's annual volunteer appreciation and community awards event, celebrating the people who help make Kingston a more connected, caring and vibrant place to live.

Mayor Georgina Oxley said this year's awards highlighted the extraordinary impact volunteers and community groups have across the municipality. "Today is all about recognising and celebrating the people who help make Kingston such a great place," Cr Oxley said. "What makes our city truly special is not just our beautiful beaches, parks or facilities – it's the people who show up for one another."

"These awards recognise individuals and groups who go above and beyond to make a positive difference in Kingston, and the standard of nominations this year was incredibly high."

The 2026 Citizen of the Year award was presented to Marlene Nanscauwen for her outstanding volunteer work with Make a Difference Dingley Village (MADDV).

As a dedicated volunteer, Marlene contributes countless hours supporting MADDV's food relief program and helping local families experiencing hardship. She also assists with office operations and works to ensure vulnerable community members have access to essentials including blankets, sleeping bags, frozen meals and sanitary products. Cr Oxley said Marlene's compassion and commitment had made a significant difference to the lives of many people in the community.

"Marlene embodies the spirit of volunteering and community care," she said. "She quietly gives her time, energy and compassion to support others without expecting recognition in return, and her work is helping people feel supported, connected and valued."

The 2026 Community Group of the Year award was presented to Bayside Community Emergency Relief. Formed in response to the 2020 bushfires, the entirely volunteer-run charity has provided vital support to thousands of people across Kingston and surrounding communities during natural disasters, the COVID pandemic and ongoing cost-of-living pressures. To date, the organisation has distributed millions of dollars in aid and expanded its support to include therapy programs, youth counselling packs and assistance for partner organisations across Victoria.



"Bayside Community Emergency Relief is an incredible example of a community coming together to support people during times of need," Cr Oxley said. "Their volunteers have made a lasting impact on countless lives, not only through emergency relief, but through the ongoing care, connection and support they provide across our community."

Cr Oxley thanked all nominees, volunteers and community organisations for the contribution they make to Kingston. "Kingston is a better, stronger and more connected place because of our volunteers and community groups," she said. "This event is just a small way for Council and the broader community to say how deeply your efforts are valued and appreciated."

The future of waste in Kingston

In 2025, hundreds of residents shared their views on waste and recycling through surveys, community events and face-to-face conversations. Feedback highlighted that while current services are generally working well, there are opportunities to improve recycling, reduce waste and strengthen Council's response to illegal dumping. This feedback has helped shape the Draft Waste Strategy and identify priorities for the years ahead.

The Draft Waste Strategy sets out the actions and priorities that will guide waste and recycling services across Kingston. It focuses on reducing waste and increasing recycling, providing reliable and easy-to-use services, maintaining affordability

and value for money, improving access to information and education, reducing litter and illegal dumping, and using innovation and technology to improve service delivery and environmental outcomes.

The strategy also responds to new Victorian Government requirements, including changes to the standardisation of waste and recycling services across the state.

Key initiatives proposed in the draft strategy include:

- Expanding hard waste service options, including for apartments and multi-unit developments
- Increasing food waste recycling services
- Improving access to waste and recycling information in a range of accessible formats
- Strengthening enforcement responses to illegal dumping and littering
- Introducing updated waste management guidelines for new developments
- Exploring new technologies and data-driven approaches to improve services.

Residents, businesses and community groups were invited to provide feedback to the Draft Waste Strategy to help inform the final strategy and ensure it reflects local priorities and future service needs.

This consultation finished on the 30th of June 2026. You can view the Draft Waste Strategy at yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/future-waste.

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Interest Rate Concerns Increase

The headlines are full of it – fuel prices, inflation, interest rate increases.

Australia had enough problems of its own with inflation above the RBA target range of 2 – 3%. With the Middle East conflict adding to the pain via increased oil prices, things are only getting worse.

But this is not (yet) a crisis. Employment is still strong. Inflation is higher than the target band but not at extreme levels like it has been in the past. Most households are in a strong financial position.

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Advance care directives

An advance care directive, sometimes called a living will, is legal documentation that specifies your preferences for future medical care if you become unable to communicate or make decisions for yourself. They ensure your healthcare wishes are honoured, outline your beliefs, values and goals and help alleviate the decision-making burden on your loved ones during a crisis.

Why an advance care directive is important.

Making an advance care directive is an important part of advance care planning. It is impossible to know what will happen in the future concerning your health. And you might have firm ideas about how you want to live the rest of your life. In a crisis your loved ones may find it difficult to decide what treatment is best for you. An advance care directive will help everyone know what you would want if you can't tell them.

How to make an advance care directive

You can only make a valid advance care directive if you are over 18 and have decision-making capacity. Decision-making capacity refers to a person's ability to make day-to-day decisions about things like:

- legal matters
- medical/health care matters
- financial matters
- personal matters

Health professionals and family members must follow a valid directive. They cannot override it. Your doctor should provide you with information and advice regarding your current health situation. They should also discuss what may happen in the future. It is a good idea to discuss your advance care directive with your doctor. You don't require a lawyer to complete a valid directive.

An advance care directive can include one or more of the following:

- the person you would like to be your substitute decision-maker.
- details of what is important to you, such as your values, life goals and preferred outcomes.

- the treatments and care you would like or would refuse if you have a life-threatening illness or injury.

There are forms available to help you write your directive. Once you have written your advance care directive, you should sign and date it. Your substitute decision-maker and your doctor can also sign it.

You should then give copies of your directive to:

- your family.
- your substitute decision-maker.
- your hospital and doctor.
- the ambulance service.
- anyone else who you feel is appropriate.



You can add your advance care directive to your My Health Record. That way it's available to your treating doctors if ever needed. You can also store the names of people you have shared your directive with.

How to select a substitute decision-maker

Choosing your substitute decision-maker is important. It is a good idea to think carefully about who you want to take that role. Your decision-maker will make decisions about your medical treatment if you can't.

Your substitute decision-maker should be somebody:

- you trust.
- who is over 18 years.
- who will listen to your values and preferences for future care.
- who will be comfortable making decisions in difficult situations.

You should ask yourself the question: 'Am I confident this person will make decisions based on what I would want?' You can also choose a second person as an alternate decision-maker. They will step in if your first decision-maker is unable to make decisions on your behalf. In different Australian states and territories substitute decision-makers may have different titles. If you want to formalise your choice of a substitute decision-maker, you need to complete the relevant form that's used in your state or territory.

Changing your advance care directive

You can change your advance care directive at any time. If you do change it, make sure anyone you gave the original directive to gets the new version. The most recent version of your directive will be the one followed.

You should review your advance care directive:

- when your preferences change
- if your substitute decision-maker changes
- when your medical condition changes

You can order a free information pack or get more information and advice at Advance Care Planning

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KINGSWOOD DEVELOPMENT

Former Kingswood Golf Course Site – Project Update

Residents may have noticed an increase in activity across the former Kingswood Golf Course site in recent weeks as a number of site preparation, maintenance and improvement works continue to progress.

Sales Office and Landscaping

Construction of the future Kingswood sales office is progressing well and remains on track for completion in July. Landscaping works within the sales office precinct are also underway and will help establish the arrival experience surrounding the sales office ahead of opening.

Site Works

Demolition of the former clubhouse is continuing as part of ongoing site preparation activities.

Boundary Fencing

We have received enquiries from adjoining residents regarding future boundary fencing. Satterley will be responsible for the installation of new interface fencing adjoining residential properties, with residents not required to contribute to the cost of these works.

The timing and staging of boundary fencing works is still being finalised and affected residents will be contacted directly as further information becomes available.

It's likely that the fence replacement works will be phased over several years as the development progresses.

Residents with questions regarding boundary fencing can contact the project team at kingswood.info@satterley.com.au.

Planning Approval

As a reminder, these activities are associated with site maintenance, project preparation and sales office construction works. The Kingswood development remains subject to planning approval and these works do not signal the commencement of broader development construction.

Information is provided by the development company, Satterley Property Group.



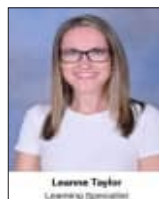
KINGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dingley's Own: Kingswood Primary School Named a Finalist at Australia's Most Prestigious Education Awards

The Dingley Village community has reason to celebrate, with Kingswood Primary School named as a finalist in not one, but two categories at the 2026 Australian Education Awards — one of the most prestigious recognition programs in the country. The school, located on Plaza Crescent and home to more than 525 students, has been shortlisted as a finalist for Primary School of the Year (Government) and local teacher Leanne Taylor has been recognised as a finalist for Primary School Teacher of the Year (Government).

With approximately only five finalists in each category nationally, the recognition places Kingswood — and Dingley Village — firmly on the Australian education map. Principal Aaron Cox said the nominations reflect the collective effort of the entire school community.

"This isn't about trophies on a shelf it's a reflection of what happens every single day at Kingswood. Our students, our staff and our families all contribute to something genuinely special here. To be recognised at this level, across Australia, is something we're incredibly proud of."



Kingswood is Victoria's only government Cultures of Thinking school — a distinction earned through its longstanding partnership with Harvard University's Project Zero.

The school is well known throughout the region for its commitment to deep learning, student wellbeing and a culture that places curiosity at the heart of everything it does.

The awards ceremony will be held on 7 August 2026 in Sydney.



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Variety Is the Spice of Life!!

Dingley Village Farmer's Market manager Liz Thomas was delighted with the number of stallholders (circa 80) at the May '26 Monthly Market. Not only were there lots of stallholders but the variety of produce, crafts and food presented to tempt the thronging shoppers was remarkable. Many were saying that "This was the largest offering they had seen in a very long time with lots of variety"



This event in the heart of Dingley Village is fast becoming a meeting place for many residents. Mums, dads, kids and dogs were out in force. Features recently introduced are the games to entertain the children including :- timber building blocks, small tables and chairs to play on, a standalone game where opposing players have to twist fixed teams of men on a series of fixed rods in their half of the table to get the football past the other teams players and into their goal at the opposite end of the table.

This is often a game for the whole family to play. Of course, there is the obligatory Face Painting stand where little kids, who would normally be hyperactive, stand patiently waiting their turn.

The crowd size waxes and wanes all morning but could be as large as 200 at any one time - it makes for quite an atmosphere. The pics not only show the market in progress but includes many DVMS members and partners.



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Styes Explained: Simple Treatment and When to Get Help

What is a sty?

A sty is a small, tender lump that appears on or along the edge of the eyelid. It is caused by a blocked or infected gland and often looks a little like a pimple. Styes are very common and can affect people of all ages. They are usually red, slightly swollen, and uncomfortable to touch, and most will clear up on their own within one to two weeks.

How to manage a sty at home

Simple home care is usually all that is needed. The most effective treatment is a warm compress. Use a clean cloth soaked in warm water, or a wheat bag warmed to around 45 degrees, and hold it gently against the closed eyelid for about 10 minutes. Aim to do this three to four times a day. The warmth helps soften the blocked gland and encourages it to drain naturally.

It is also important to:

- Keep the eyelid area clean.
- Avoid wearing eye makeup while the sty is present.
- Avoid squeezing or trying to pop the lump, as this can worsen inflammation or spread infection.

When to have it checked

Most styes improve with warm compresses, but it is worth having them assessed if the lump:

- Has not improved after two weeks.
- Is increasing in size or keeps coming back.
- Is causing significant discomfort or affecting your vision.
- Looks or feels different to a typical sty.

You should also seek prompt care if the eyelid becomes increasingly red, swollen, warm, or painful, or if swelling begins to spread around the eye. In these cases, your optometrist can assess what is going on and recommend the next steps, which may include prescription treatment or referral if needed.



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If you are ever unsure, there is no harm in having it looked at. Most are simple to manage, but it is always better to have the right diagnosis and peace of mind.

Not every eyelid lump is a sty

A similar condition called a chalazion can occur when a gland becomes blocked without infection. These lumps are often firmer, less tender, and slower to develop. While many will settle with warm compresses, some can persist and require further treatment. Occasionally, an eyelid lump may be something else entirely. While uncommon, it is important not to assume every lump is a sty. If something looks unusual, changes over time, or does not feel right, it is always worth having it checked.

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So your Year 12 student hasn't decided what's next. Here's what to say – and what not to – about career planning

THE CONVERSATION

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For Year 12 students, final exams are getting closer and applications for university and other courses are opening. So naturally, conversations at home and with wider family and friends are turning to what's going to happen next year. Some young people will not have an answer yet when asked, "what are you doing next year?" This can really worry parents.

But not having a fully formed plan in Year 12 is not a failure. For many young people, it is a normal part of moving from school into the next stage of life. What can parents and other family members say to help – and not further increase stress on – young people at this time?

Many young people are uncertain

Large international studies have shown career uncertainty is common for teenagers and has only increased in recent years.

What's helpful right now?

Rather than focusing on why they have not decided yet, families can talk about what information would make the decision feel less overwhelming.

So, avoid asking what a young person "wants to be" and instead ask what subjects, tasks, people or places seem to bring out their best.

- What do they think they are good at?
- What do they enjoy doing?
- What makes them happy?

Research shows, when parents focus on skills, strengths and interests, as opposed to specific careers, this can reduce a child's anxiety about making future plans.

It can also help to move away from focusing on just the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) as the only viable pathway post-school. A strong ATAR does not automatically mean university is the only good option.

A gap year is not automatically "avoidance" of further study. Australian data show students who take one are not less likely to finish university, and a well-used gap year can help some young people return to study with more purpose and motivation.

TAFE and apprenticeships are not "lesser" choices, they have strong employment outcomes and good salaries.

The better question is

which option gives the young person the best mix of meeting their interests, providing support, flexibility and room to grow?

What NOT to say

When students feel pressured to sound certain before they are ready, family expectations can become another source of stress. A calmer approach gives young people more space to think and ask for support. Parents could explicitly say "It's okay not to know yet", and emphasise careers are built over time through multiple transitions.

Many adults change jobs across their working lives. As of February 2025, 57% of employed Australians had been in their current job for less than five years, and 17% for less than one year.

About 1.1 million people had also changed jobs in the previous year, with younger workers aged 15 to 24 more mobile than older workers. This means a Year 12 decision shapes the next chapter, not the whole story.

Asking more supportive questions that encourage thinking and exploration rather than demanding decisions could also be beneficial. Here are some examples of how you can approach this.

1. "What are you going to do next year?"

Issue: Implies there is one correct, fixed answer

Rephrase: "What options are you thinking about at the moment?"

2. "What career do you want?"

Issue: Assumes long-term clarity is expected now

Rephrase: "What kinds of things are you curious about right now?"

3. "Have you decided yet?"

Issue: Creates urgency and anxiety

Rephrase: "Where are you up to in your thinking?"

4. "Why don't you just pick something?"

Issue: Minimises uncertainty and exploration

Rephrase: "What information would help make the next step clearer?"



5. "What will that lead to?"

Issue: Can sound judgmental if outcomes seem unclear

Rephrase: "What does this option give you for now?"

6. "Isn't that risky?"

Issue: Heightens fear and discourages exploration

Rephrase: "What feels manageable about this option, and what feels challenging?"

7. "What if it doesn't work out?"

Issue: Focuses on failure

Rephrase: "If you changed your mind later, what options would still be open?"

A better conversation

So, if your Year 12 child has "no idea" what they want to do next year, try not to treat it as a crisis. They may not need a perfect plan. They may need a better conversation. Parents can also help young people test their thinking.

This might mean speaking with a careers adviser, teacher, employer, TAFE or university adviser, apprentice, recent school leaver or family friend working in an area of interest. The goal is to help young people move from vague anxiety to informed exploration.

For more information

The Australian government's school leavers information kit can show students there are many education, training and employment options, not just one "correct" pathway.

MyFuture – a career information service – also has resources parents can use at home to support career conversations.

HeadSpace – the mental health foundation for young people – also has advice for those finishing school. It reminds families this transition can involve stress, uncertainty and mixed emotions.



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Dingley Football Netball Club



At the time of penning this report, your DFNC has reached the half way mark of both the football and netball seasons. After completion of Round Nine, the Senior footy team sits on top of the ladder with eight wins and one loss, and the Reserves are middle of the road with expectations of a strong second half of the year in front of us.

All rival clubs struggle with injury lists and we are no different to our rivals in that regard, as we never been able to assemble our strongest twenty two senior players each week.

Despite this 'fact of football life' we are in a strong position at the moment, and as key players return to action in future weeks, the plan is to come home with a wet sail towards the Finals again.

Since our last report, we recorded a four point, last half come from behind win at Murrumbena in Round Six, with goal scoring been shared around once we got our running game flowing, with seventeen year old Ruben Nagar making an impressive debut. An aggressive St Pauls McKinnon came visiting in Round Eight and they jumped to an early lead.

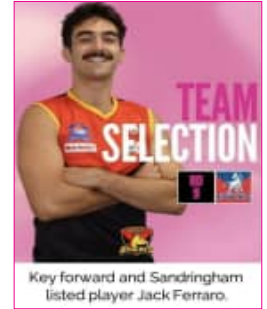
Our boys responded by putting their heads down and focussing on the ball which saw us go to the half time break twenty one points in front. By the final siren that lead had stretched thirty nine points in what was a mature victory. The side's strength is our talented midfield lead on this occasion by Lachie Benton, Chris Horton- Milne and a fantastic game by Josh Docking.

Disappointment was to follow however in Round Eight as Cranbourne, served by strong games from a couple of strong experienced forwards proved too good for an undersized Dingley.

We managed just five goals for the day to suffer our first defeat. Intent on bouncing back from this disappointment an unusually youthful and winless Port Melbourne Colts were our Round Nine guests and despite their impressive first quarter start, was no match for the hosts in the finish.

Lachie Benton was unstoppable with seven goals, Kai Stretton and Nathan Freeman had leather poisoning by games end.

The Club statistician lost count of veteran Centre Half Back Kris Feehan's 'marks' tally. Sandringham listed Jack Ferraro made his first appearance in red, black and gold this year, with an invaluable four goals.



Key forward and Sandringham listed player Jack Ferraro.

The Reserves with just nineteen fit players were also impressive winners on the day and they remain a viable finals opportunity as player numbers increase.

Our opponents in Round Ten will be Springvale Districts. On that occasion we will celebrate the 200 game milestone of one of the club's true greats in Lucas Walmsley. 'Noodles' is recognised in the Southern Football Netball League, by friend and foe alike, as a true champion of the game and his talent, commitment and hours of entertainment he has contributed to your DFNC is second to none Well done Noodles.

Keep up with all our results and progress on our website and get along to all our future home games as the year proceeds towards hopefully more success.

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FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

Two unique events in July and August capture the heart of the Friends of Braeside Park: honouring the park's remarkable past while working to protect and improve its indigenous bushland for future generations. As astronomer and science communicator Carl Sagan wisely said, "You have to know the past to understand the present."

Over the past year, the Friends have worked with the Dingley Village Men's Shed and the U3A Art Group to tell the story of Braeside Park through seven painted wooden panels. The Dingley Village Historical Association has supported the project with information drawn from documents, local history, and the memories of past residents.

On Saturday, 1 August, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, the community is warmly invited to join the Friends as we celebrate Braeside Park's history. The day will include the unveiling of a tribute to one of the park's most famous residents, Phar Lap, a walk in his hoof prints, and the launch of the seven painted panels telling the story of the park.

Braeside Park



The celebration will conclude with a musical and poetic toast to Phar Lap and to Braeside Park itself. But the story does not end with remembering. It continues with the work of renewal. On National Tree Day, the Friends will again be planting indigenous vegetation to strengthen the park's bushland for future generations.

We invite the community to join us: to remember the past, celebrate the present, and help grow the future of Braeside Park.

DATE: Saturday 25 July 2026

WHAT: Planting indigenous trees, bushes, and grasses

TIME: 900 am – 1200 pm

VENUE: Enter off Governor Rd and follow the signs



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Winter is the best time for tidying up your garden, pruning the plants, and preparing for spring.

Winter garden tasks focus on maintenance, pruning dormant plants, soil preparation, and protecting vegetation from frost. These essential chores ensure your garden survives the cold months and thrives when spring arrives.

Tasks you've put off, like mulching and weeding, can also be great to do while things slowdown in winter. Tidy up garden beds and vegetable garden, relocate underperforming plants to a more suitable spot, or replace them with something else? Do you need to deal with a deteriorating garden path or fix some irrigation? Winter is the time.

Melbourne's cold snaps can catch even the hardiest gardens off guard. Protecting your plants now can save them from major damage.

- Cover your frost-sensitive plant, you can use frost cloth, old sheets, or horticultural fleece on frosty nights. Remove them during the day so plants can breathe and get sunlight
- Damp, still, environments promote powdery mildew and root rot. Remove fallen leaves, prune back dead or diseased growth, and cut away any plants that are crowding your space. Space plants well and prune to encourage circulation.



Winter is a great time to prune deciduous trees and shrubs while they're dormant. If you have fruit trees, now is the time to shape them and remove older wood as pruning encourages better fruit production and makes harvesting easier. For rose lovers, a light winter prune mid-season, helps encourage stronger blooms come spring. Always make angled cuts just above outward-facing buds. You can find lots of 'How to prune my Rose bush' or Pruning fruit trees' videos, free to watch on YouTube.

Soil preparation/ enrichment is a must do winter task. Mulching helps regulate soil temperature, protects from the frosty mornings and can stop weeds from growing, so will continue to benefit your garden throughout the year. Enrich soil with compost, manure or worm castings, if using commercial a fertiliser, use a liquid plant food rather than slow-release fertilisers as they break down better in the cold.



Start composting if you haven't already. Kitchen scraps and garden waste turn into nutrient-rich soil food that can power your garden come spring.

If you already compost continue turning your compost heap. A healthy bin will still decompose organic matter over winter.

The cooler climate converts starches to sugars, making winter vegetable crops incredibly sweet and flavourful. Things you can plant in your vegetable garden in winter are:

- **Leafy Greens:** Spinach, kale, silverbeet, rocket, and lettuce.
- **Root Vegetables:** Carrots, beetroot, parsnips, and radishes.
- **Brassicas:** Broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and Brussels sprouts.
- **Legumes:** Broad beans and snow peas.
- **Alliums:** Garlic, onions, and spring onions.

Finally, don't forget your lawn, grass growth slows in winter, so you won't need to mow as often. Keep an eye on the growth and mow only when necessary. Over mowing can stress the grass and contribute to thinning, so it's best to mow sparingly during the colder months. Eliminate fallen leaves and debris from your lawn before mowing.

This prevents smothering the grass and reduces the risk of disease. Leaves can block sunlight and trap moisture against the grass, creating a perfect environment for fungi and other pathogens. Wet grass is more susceptible to disease; mowing it can spread fungal spores, leading to lawn issues.

Happy Gardening



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Dingley Street Art

The original street art in Dingley Village, is located in the pavement on Centre Dandenong Road and shows gumnuts and gum leaves designed by Alex Fricke in 1994 and was the result of co-operative efforts of the Dingley Village Community and the City of Springvale in December 1994.

The next installation called the "Danceworks Mural", was installed at the Dingley Village supermarket in 1997 by Hedley Potts. The mural reflects the area and consists of several parts: Braeside spoonbill, possum, Braeside pelican, a Dingley market gardener, frogs, Harry Hawker (local aviation pioneer), Braeside straw-necked ibis, a teenager on a skateboard and a mother and child crossing Centre Dandenong Road.

The mural was saved from demolition in 2015 by the citizens of Dingley Village and fresh render was applied over the brick wall to give it a new lease of life.



The Happy Mural by Deb McNaughton was painted in July 2025. All parts of the street art can be seen on Centre Dandenong Road outside the supermarket.



The Dingley Village Historical Society has a collection of documents, photographs and information on the history of Dingley Village and its early families, we are always looking to add to our collections and would welcome any information people would like to share with us.

If you would like information or would like to share any information with the society please contact:

The Dingley Village Historical Society enquiries@dvhs.com.au or visit us at 31A Marcus Road, Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 10am to 12.

We welcome new members and helpers interested in preserving the history of Dingley Village and surrounds.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Save Kingswood

The developer was empowered by the government to have an obscene number of lots. The over-saturation of Kingswood is not approved yet, however the developer plans to start in the Higgins close area. There is still much we can fight for including a highly moderated plan.

There is no plan for saving most of the trees or birds and animals. Please note that only some native trees are rated but we should be advocating for every tree, to ensure the preservation of wildlife that makes the trees their home. There is also no plan for relocation of the thousands of native birds as it is impossible to do that. No plans either for the endangered Grey Haired Flying Fox.




The only way there will not mass destruction of the flora and fauna is to retain them.

Please write to Hon Sonia Kilkeny sonya.kilkenny@parliament.vic.gov.au to express your concerns. Also please let Save Kingswood know of any undesirable developments. Council recently produced a 1000 page document on the flaws in the plans for Kingswood, but government is deaf. Remember there were 8000 objections when you vote.


Thank you to councillor Caroline White for all her advocating for Kingswood.

Kevin Poulter, President
Save Kingswood group. www.kingswood-floods.com.



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Senior Pet Winter Wellness

Senior pets need extra winter care because cold weather worsens joint stiffness and makes it harder for them to regulate body temperature. Older pets are more prone to conditions such as arthritis, dental disease, heart issues and kidney concerns.

You might notice subtle changes such as slowing down on walks, change in appetite, hesitation in jumping or even change in behaviour. These small signs are easy to overlook but often indicate it's time for a health check. Winter can also impact on your pet's comfort and routine.



Draft free Comfort

The safest way to manage the risks of cold weather is to keep older pets indoors where possible. Provide raised beds or place mats underneath to shield them from cold floorboards or tiles, providing warm bedding such as blankets will also help keep them snug. Pets living outdoors or who spend time outside during the day must have a kennel or enclosure that is warm, waterproof and windproof, and preferably elevated from the ground.

Food

If your senior pet is overweight, they can benefit from a specially designed weight loss diet. This type of diet can help reduce pressure on their joints and improve symptoms of arthritis, allowing them to move with greater ease. On the other hand, some older pets may struggle to maintain their weight during the colder months. In such cases, providing them with a slightly larger portion of food can help them maintain their proper weight and overall health. Adding supplements like omega-3 fatty acids and glucosamine to food is beneficial for senior pets.

A healthy, balanced diet for adult pets should consist of 90% well formulated dry or canned food and 10% from outside sources such as training treats, dental treats, toppers, table scraps and supplements.

Mobility & Exercise

We know in winter it can be tempting to skip the walk and stay inside where it's warm. Keep up with gentle, low-impact exercise like short, frequent walks, exercising your senior dog remains essential. Small adjustments like raised food bowls and non-slip surfaces also make a big difference for older pets.

Add another layer of warmth

Although many cat and dog breeds have luxurious thick fur to keep them warm, when they are outside or on walks in the cold, they will still likely benefit from an additional winter coat. This is especially important if you have an older animal or short haired breed. A good pet-coat or jumper will give coverage from the neck to the base of the tail while also giving protection to their belly. It's also important to ensure the coat is the right fit and isn't restricting movement.



Mental Stimulation

Mental stimulation is crucial for older pets to keep their brains sharp, ease age-related cognitive decline, and alleviate boredom. The best activities are gentle on aging joints and use their natural senses, such as scent-based foraging.

Scent & Foraging Games

Dogs and cats rely heavily on their sense of smell. Tapping into their instincts provides deep satisfaction without requiring physical exertion.

Snuffle Mats: These fabric mats hide kibble and treats, encouraging older pets to use their noses to forage safely from their bed or floor.

Cheese Challenge: Cut tiny bits of cheese and hide them across the house – behind the couch, on chairs, in your pet's bed, under cushions and toys, dogs love this game.

Box Scavenger Hunts: Scatter-feed your pet in shallow cardboard boxes filled with crumpled paper or old washcloths to turn mealtime into a fun treasure hunt.

Treat-Dispensing Toys

Older pets love problem-solving when it comes with a tasty reward.

Licking Mats: Spreading peanut butter, wet food, or plain yogurt on a silicone textured mat and freezing it can keep a senior pet calmly focused and engaged for long periods.

Gentle Chew Toys: Soft-rubber toys that dispense treats are specifically designed for the sensitive teeth and gums of aging dogs.

Sensory Enrichment & Gentle Outings

Sniffaris: Think of your walks with older dogs as "sniffathons" rather than physical workouts. Let them take their time and process new smells, which have been shown to lower heart rates and reduce stress.

Gentle Car Rides & Strollers: Even if your pet can no longer walk long distances, a trip to the local park in a pet pram or a drive with the windows cracked lets them take in new sights, sounds, and scents.

Toy Rotation: Pets get bored with the same items. Rotate their toys in and out every couple of weeks to keep them novel and exciting.

The winter months can be tough on senior pets, but with the right care and attention, you can help them enjoy a warm, comfortable season.

By providing them with a cozy environment, protecting them from the cold, and ensuring they stay active and healthy, you can make winter a little easier for your elderly pet.



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Country Women's Association Dingley Village



Think you know the CWA? Think again.

I recently saw a comment in a local Facebook group that made me stop in my tracks: "I'm not old enough to join the CWA yet." It was a shock to realize that some people still see us as a "retirement-only" club. Let's set the record straight: The CWA is for every woman.

At CWA Dingley Village, we are not just a group; we are a vibrant collective. Our members range from their fifties to an incredible 94-year-old—bringing together decades of different skills, fresh ideas, and massive hearts.

Whether you are a pro-baker, a craft enthusiast, a social butterfly, or a fierce advocate for women's issues, there is a seat at the table for you. We do not care about the year on your birth certificate; we care about the passion in your spirit.

Ready to find your tribe? Join us in making a real impact across Victoria. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10am, Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre. Contact Jan for more information **0413 759 607**.



Probus Club Dingley Central



At our June meeting the guest speaker was Gary Ferguson, his topic Seniors Rights Victoria. This organisation was founded in 2008, and is mainly funded by Victoria Legal Aid and the Department of Health and Humane Services. Seniors Rights Victoria has a team of experienced advocates who provide support, advice and education to help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity and independence of older people. Their services also include include Helpline, free specialist legal services and community education. The free confidential Helpline phone no is **1300 368 821**.

Activities planned for July

Happy Hour, Camera Club, Legs and Morning Coffee, iPad and Computer Group, Wine Tasting, Christmas in July, Mens Lunch, Morning Melodie's, Ladies Lunch and Craft Day.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month, at The Salvation Army Kingston Centre, 13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village. New members are most welcome. For further information please contact Ruth. **0419 899 558**.

Website: dingleycentralprobus.wix.com/dingleycentralprobus

Keysborough Bowls Club



356 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough

Wednesdays: Weekly from April 22nd 10 am start

Saturdays: Weekly from March 21st - 11am start - BYO lunch 2 games x 10 ends both days.

Why not give Bowls a go? New members most welcome with coaching available. If you have any questions or are interested in giving it a go. Call on **97982097** or **0421123495**. We would love to see you.

Dingley 60 Plus Social Group

Our friendly group of singles and couples have a group dinner at various locations on the last Saturday of the month, and these have been quite popular with members and visitors alike.

If you would like details of the venues or wish to attend any of these gatherings, please call Shirley on the number below at least a week before the final Saturday of the month.

Please come and join us - new members are welcome! For more information contact Shirley on **0411 265 261** or Graeme on **0407 903 515**.



Dingley Village Historical Society



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

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

Contact by email: enquiries@dvhs.com.au

Dingley Village Men's Shed



Opening Hours and General Activities:

Day of Week	Open Hours	General Activities
MON	9am - 1pm	Metal Work, Wood Work, Art, Bicycle & Car Maintenance
TUE	9am - 12pm 1:30pm - 3:30pm	A' Team workgroup & Bike Riding Group Photography
WED	9am - 12pm	Bike Riding Group & Music Group
THU	9am - 12pm 1pm - 3pm	A' Team workgroup Pool / Snooker
FRI	9am - 1pm	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
Web: 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 the 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 9 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

Lucinda on 0431 426 170

Italian Senior Citizens of Kingston - "La Baracca"

The Italian Senior Citizens of Kingston offer a two course homecooked lunch with coffee and biscuits every Wednesday and Sunday at 12 pm. \$17 for members, \$20 non-members. New members welcome.

All are welcome to socialise, play billiards, bocce and cards and once a month Sunday Bingo. The first Sunday of every month we hold a lunch dance at 12pm offering a three course meal with coffee and a live band. Booking essential Giovanna 0421 045 648.

Braeside Park Walking Group

We need more walkers. Friendly mixed group meets Tuesday and Friday at the Visitors Centre Carpark. Arrive 9.20am for a 9.30 start to Circuit 5 km or shorter. Stay around for a chat afterwards, no booking just come along.

Keysborough & District Multicultural Senior Citizens Inc.

This over 55s club is located at the Rowley Allan Reserve 352 Cheltenham Road Keysborough. The 2026 programme is underway and the following activities will be available for members and visitors:

Tuesdays – Bingo on the 1st, 2nd and 4th of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry and \$1.50 per book. **Concerts** - none in May. **Bus Trip** - to Lynbrook Hotel for smorgasbord lunch on 19th of May.

Wednesdays – Line Dancing 1pm to 3pm \$3.00 entry.

Thursdays – Ballroom dancing from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Entry \$3.00.

Concerts - Rick Charles Tuesday 16th of June and Jennifer Lee Tuesday 30th June.

Tea and coffee are supplied for all activities.

Club membership for F/Y 26/27 remains at \$10.00 and it is still available.

Contact Julie on 0428 561 694.



Spring Park YWCA Golf Club



A friendly welcoming group of ladies of varying standards meet at 7.45am for an 8.00am start on Monday mornings at Dingley's Spring Park Golf Course.

Cup of tea & biscuit is shared after the round.

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

Further information:

Jillian Sanders - 0419 501 365 (Captain),

Julie Westcott - 0438 269 622 (President)

Jan Boyes - 0497 096 377 (Secretary)

Mordialloc/Chelsea Evening VIEW Club



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Mordialloc Chelsea Evening VIEW Club sponsor thirteen children. We are a friendly group that meets on the first Tuesday of every month at The Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc at 6.30pm which includes dinner and we hear from guest speakers. All funds raised go towards helping Australian children in need through The Smith Family, so they can get the most out of their education.

New members and visitors are always welcome! If you would like to join us, search Mordialloc Chelsea Evening VIEW Club on our website - view.org.au Or search Mordialloc/Chelsea EVENING VIEW club on Facebook. You can also phone:

Maria - 0419 507 384

Lucinda - 0431 426 170

Burden Park Bowls Club




The good news is that if you have been thinking of joining a lawn bowls club, this is your time to act. So come down and have a go, you will love it.

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

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EMERGENCY RESOURCES – FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM

Emergency Resources is a food relief agency of Inspire City Church (formerly Kingston City Church) that assists struggling families in the local community of Kingston. We currently provide support through our distribution center at St Aidan's Anglican Church in Parkdale, through provisions of food parcels, fresh produce, and bread. Our program operates every Wednesday (except for school holidays).

Pastor Joy Hansen started the program in May 1994 with the goal of helping people in financial hardship. Today, we support 160 families and have a dedicated team of over 30 volunteers.

With the support of Inspire City Church, local businesses, and Council grants, the Emergency Resources team is grateful for the opportunity to serve the local community.

Details:

- Open every Wednesday (except school holidays) from 10am – 2pm
- Location: 64 Robert St, Parkdale VIC 3195
- Contact: Carlo Vilar, **038551 6610**, er@crm.org.au

Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church



Cnr. Kingston and Old Dandenong Roads, Heatherton. Sunday services at 10.00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion second Sunday of the month at 10.00 a.m.

All enquiries phone Kaye on **0438 873 784**
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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 And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month

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

Third Saturday On Odd Months Of The Year.

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

Village Church Inc.

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Address: 7-9 Fiveways Blvd Keysborough 3173

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Elders: Andrew Weston & Warren Dean

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or admin@villagechurch.org.au

Visit our website: www.villagechurch.org.au

Village Church has been in the Dingley and Keysborough areas since the 1930's and exists for the purpose of the advancement of the Kingdom of God as we seek to obey our Lord's command to go out and make disciples of all people.

Village Church offers the following ministries to 'Inspire People to Discover and Develop Life in Christ'.

Sunday Morning 10 am Worship Service

In person or can watch livestream at <https://www.villagechurch.org.au/live-stream>

The church service includes:

- Bible teaching through expository preaching.
- Pastor Rodney Hole is currently preaching through the Gospel of Luke
- Communion is held twice a month for those who know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.
- Kids Church - Younger Primary (4-8 years old) and Older Primary (9-12 years old).
- Little Blessings Preschool Program (0 – 4 years old)
- Tea and coffee are served after the service.

Life Groups

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

Bible Study

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

Sisters in Christ

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

Men of Faith

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

Village Church Youth Group (Years 7 –12)

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

Street Ministry

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

Marriage and Family Support

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

We have many gifted and equipped members who would love to listen, encourage, and give sound advice to you. Please call the church office if you need help.

Christ Church - Anglican Church Dingley Village



Vision: From within you shall flow rivers of living waters" John 7:38

Weekly Sunday Services

8.30 AM (Heritage Church)

Holy Communion Service

10.30 AM (Auditorium)

Worship Service with Kids' Church.

Next Combined Service:

Sun 30th August 2026.

Bahasa Malaysia Service

3.00PM (Heritage Church).

Monthly Services

1.30PM Holy Communion Service

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

Next Service: 1.30pm, Tuesday 14th July 2026.

6pm Azusa Worship Service (Auditorium)

Last Sunday of the Month.

Sunday 26th July, at 6pm.

Life Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

Saturday Youth Group - MOTION YOUTH

Motion Youth is on Saturday nights for Term 2.

Dinner is provided. Drop off 6:30pm, pick up 9pm (sign-in essential). Please contact our office for details.

Weekly Prayer Meetings

Wednesday 10:30am for worship then 11am for prayers in the Prayer Rooms. Saturday 8 AM in the Atrium. Healing, Deliverance & Prayer Ministry available upon request.

Roundabout Op Shop

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- Thursday 9.30am – 1.30 pm
- Saturday 9.30am – 1.30 pm

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St. Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village, 3172.
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Email: Springvale@cam.org.au
Website for further information:

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Mass Times

- Saturdays, 5:00pm
- Sundays, 9:30am
- Confession 4.30 – 4.50 pm before Mass on Saturdays

The Salvation Army Kingston City 'You Belong'



13/12-16 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village. Office Phone: (03) 9558 2045.

Facebook.com/KingstonCitySalvos
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Corps Officers (Ministers): Major Jennifer Cloke and Major Andrea Elkington.

Hours of operation

10:00am – 4:00pm Monday to 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.

Emergency Relief | Casework

The Salvation Army Kingston City Doorways team offers assessments for emergency relief. Please phone 9558 2045, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays between 10am – 4pm to make an appointment.

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

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