

THE DINGLEY DOSSIER

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YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre (DVNC) has been at the heart of our community for over four decadessupporting locals through programs, events and services that bring people together.

The Centre is an independently run, not for profit organisation, so while it operates from City of Kingston facilities it is not Council owned or operated. Every dollar raised through programs, fundraising and events is invested back into the programs and services-playgroups, seniors activites, well being programs and more.

The Centre also provides a meeting space for many local community groups and other not for profit community service organisations.

DVNC is run by a passionate group of staff, volunteers and community board members.

The Board of Governance composed of local residents, is committed to supporting the community and sets the long terms goals and strategies for the Centre.

The staff then ensure these goals are met by delivering a range of programs and services that meet the Dingley Village community needs.

The Centre has close working relationships with Dingley Village Community Association and Bayside Community Emergency Relief, it is also proud of its relationship with the Dingley Village Mens Shed, which initially started as a program of the Centre whilst the shedders found a home and established themselves at Braeside Park.

The Centre has grown significantly over the years, both in size and in the range of programs and services it offers. After operating the Dingley Village Craft Market for many years the Centre now operates the monthly Farmers Market that operates in the ground of 31 Marcus Road. The Centre is also the publisher of the Dingley Dossier and operates Little Villagers Childcare a Commonwealth Childcare subsidy provider.

With the recent completion of Stage 2 works the Centres services and programs operate from modern purpose built facilities including a dedicated 24-place childcare facility.

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre receives funding from a variety of sources, fee for service from its programs and services, donations, City of Kingston, Department of Families, Fairness & Housing, Commonwealth Government, Bendigo Bank Dingley Village and local service groups.



Can you help?

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre is looking for help and are seeking new board members, they are particularly interested in individuals with a background in accounting, legal, or marketing.

By joining the 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, please contact the Centre Manager: Trudy Pritchard via email manager@dvnc.com.au or phone 8512 0505.



FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY 19TH 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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LIVING IN DINGLEY VILLAGE

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Neighbourhood Centre: 8512 0505

Community Association: dvcasecretary@gmail.com

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VicRoads Faults and Hazards: 13 11 70

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Teens Games Group

Fun environment for teenagers from 13 - 17 to enjoy games together. Strategy, fantasy & scifi style board & role-playing. Friday 5.30 - 7.30 pm in DVNC meeting room 4,5 & 6. Free event.

Dingley Village_Playgroup

Now on Monday and Tuesday from 9am to 11am. Fee per term is \$40.00. In the

new playgroup room in the new DV Neighbourhood Centre & Early Years services building

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, 9am & Wed

12.30pm in the Harold Box Hall \$3.00 per session. New members Welcome. No need to book just come along.

Writing for Pleasure

Beginners to Established. People write for many different reasons. Would you like to explore your creativity in a supportive group. Tues, 10am

to 12pm. Free drop-in group in the Library Meeting room 2.

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 aids the reduction of anxiety of stress; it also helps increase flexibility and balance. Sessions are held in the Harold Box Hall. Tuesdays from 9am -11am.

Wednesdays 6.30pm-9.30pm Contact James: 0430 570 460.

Agna Yoga with Sneha

NEW class starting on May 16th, weekly on Fridays from 6pm-7.30pm. Yoga & Meditation class in the Harold Box Hall: All enquires to agnavogawellness@outlook.com or

Ph: **0421 876 858**

Sound Healing with Danielle

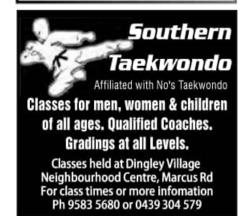
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COMMUNITY

Green Wedge Zone Infringement

Bingo Bins have moved their rubbish Bin Storage and heavy maintenance operations as well as their Truck Parking Yard into the ex Boral Tiles site in Tootal Rd, Dingley Village. They have done this without having any appropriate Permits.

Kingston Council has informed the company that they need to apply for a Permit to park the trucks (and may not get one due to the Green Wedge zoning).

More critically they have been informed that the Rubbish Bin storage is a prohibited use in a green Wedge and such they cant do it.

Cr White is aware of situation and concerned residents can contact her: Caroline.White@kingston.vic.gov.au
Ph. 0499 776 885



Vale Jon Garrard

The Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre and the Dingley Dossier was saddened to hear of the passing of Dingley Village Community Association (DVCA) Treasurer Jon Garrard. Jon was an enthusiastic supporter of Dingley Village working diligently as part of the DVCA to ensure Dingley Village is a great place to live.

Are you a horticulturist or even an avid gardener?

The Dingley Dossier is looking for a volunteer to write a regular gardening article.

If you are interested, please email the Editor at dingleydossier@dvnc.com.au.



Special Dates in July

6th - 13th July, NAIDOC Week

National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week is held annually in early July. It 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 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud'.



National Diabetes Week 13th - 19th July

Did you know that 1.7 million Australians have Type 1 and 2 Diabetes? National Diabetes Week is an opportunity to reflect on what choices we could make to lead healthier, happier lives and prevent, or manage, diabetes.

DonateLife Week 27th July - 3rd August

DonateLife Week is a national awareness week that takes place in July each year to encourage more Australians to get behind organ and tissue donation.

DONATE A MINUTE. DONATE A LIFETIME.

5th July, Ashura* Islam

For Sunni Muslims, Ashura marks Noah's departure from the ark and the exodus of Moses from Egypt. It is usually marked by a day of non-obligatory fasting. For Shia Muslims, it marks the anniversary of the martyrdom of Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussein in Karbala, Iraq. It is commemorated with public processions.



9th July, Martyrdom of the Bab* Baha'i

Baha'i commemoration of the anniversary of the execution of the Bab (Siyyid 'Ali-Muhammad), the herald of the Baha'i Faith, by a firing squad on July 9, 1850, in Tabriz, Persia (now Iran).

10th July Asalha Puja** (Dhamma Day) Buddhism

Asalha Puja Day or the Dhamma Day celebrates the first teaching of the Buddha. This Buddhist event commemorates the first sermon delivered by the Buddha after his enlightenment. This event is one of the most important festivals for Theravada Buddhists.



- * Holy days (mainly Jewish, Islamic and Baha'i) which begin at sundown on the previous day listed
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ELDER ABUSE

The main forms of elder abuse include:

- * Physical abuse: includes causing physical harm or threatening to cause harm.
- * Financial abuse: using someone's money, property or other assets illegally or improperly.
- * Emotional or psychological abuse: behaviour that torments, intimidates, harasses or is offensive.
- * Social abuse: Stopping the older person from participating in usual forms of enjoyment.
- * Neglect: Failing to provide basic necessities like food, medication, or warmth

Victoria Police is calling on people to not ignore the signs and speak up by making a report if they know, or suspect, an older person is being subjected to this crime.

National Elder Abuse Phone Line: Call 1800 353 374 In an Emergency, Call Triple Zero (000)

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



DINGLEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

DVCA Annual General Meeting

The DVCA Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th August 2025 at 7.30pm at the Dingley Village Library, 31b Marcus Road Dingley Village. All residents of Dingley Village, young & old, are welcome to attend. Please come along & see what we do at the DVCA to help keep our village a great place to live and work.

Jon Garrard, VALE

DVCA members were extremely saddened by the sudden passing of DVCA Treasurer Jon Garrard. As a valued DVCA member, Jon served on the DVCA Executive in various roles over many years. He has been a tireless worker for the Dingley Village community, championing numerous community concerns for our village, such as the Chadwick Reserve redevelopment, with his characteristic drive and determination.

Jon will be greatly missed and the DVCA extends our sincerest sympathy to his family.

Kingswood Golf Course - Recent Change of Responsible Planning Authority - Amendment c226king

Changes to planning controls over Kingswood Golf Course continue with the recent enactment of Amendment c226king to the Kingston Planning Scheme.

This amendment now makes the Minister of Planning the responsible planning authority for Kingswood and was made without notice, as requested by Tract Planning Consultants, on behalf of Kingswood's owner the Satterley Property Group.

What Does This Mean?

- Kingston Council is no longer the responsible planning authority for Kingswood
- As 'responsible authority' for Kingswood, the Planning Minister is now responsible for the day-to-day administration and enforcement of the planning scheme for Kingswood, which includes issuing planning permits and permit compliance.

DVCA Opposed to Amendment c226king

DVCA believes the amendment should be abandoned in favour of Kingston Council remaining the 'responsible authority' for Kingswood, as the amendment:

 Contravenes the State Government appointed Kingswood Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee's recommendation that Kingston Council remain the responsible authority for Kingswood's planning.



- has removed planning administration for Kingswood, in the heart of our village, from the Kingston community, in order to fast-track housing development.
- has been prepared on the false premise that Kingswood is; 'a key site to deliver much needed housing supply within an existing urban area having access to existing infrastructure and services.' Kingston Planning Scheme Amendment C226king Explanatory Report.
- Ignoring the reality of Dingley Village's limited access, infrastructure and services availability.

Mornington Peninsula Freeway - Rubbish and Litter

DVCA is concerned about the large amount of rubbish and litter along the roadside and in the landscaped areas of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway extension from Springvale Road to the Dingley Bypass.

Vic Roads is responsible for rubbish and litter removal on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway.

What Can You Do To Help Clean Up the Freeway?

- Report rubbish & litter you see to VIC Roads on 13 11 71 immediately.
- 2. Make sure you secure your rubbish when travelling along the Freeway.
- Do not throw litter out of your vehicle at any time - such as take-away food containers/wrappers, bottles, etc.



Aircraft Noise Problems

If you experience a problem with Aircraft Noise from planes or helicopters, please report this to Air Services Australia. It is important they know about any aircraft noise pollution issues experienced in our village.

How To Report an Aircraft Noise Problem Simply go to the website:

https://www.airservicesaustralia.com/community/environment/aircraft-noise/about-making-a-complaint/

This brings up the 'Making A Complaint' screen:

- Click on 'Submit complaint here' Then complete the 'Noise Complaints and Information Service Contact Form' and make your aircraft noise complaint.
- Click on the 'Submit' button to submit this directly to Air Services Australia

Anytime Fitness Dingley Village -Thankyou

The DVCA would like to thank Anytime Fitness Dingley Village for their generous donation of refundable bottles & cans towards the Container Deposit Scheme. Their support helps us raise valuable funds for our local community initiatives.



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.

DVCA Contact Info:

Contact us by email at dvcasecretary@ gmail.com or come to our monthly evening meeting.

DVCA Meeting Info:

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

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. Meetings are held in the Library Meeting Rooms, on the second Tuesday each month, February-November, at 7.30pm. located at 31b Marcus Rd.

New members are most welcome to attend. For further information please contact the DVCA Secretary at dvcasecretary@gmail.com.



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OUR COUNCIL

Community champion and mental health advocates win awards

Community champion Jaqueline Hendrey is Kingston's Citizen of the Year for 2025. Jaqueline has led the Matt's Place community meals program in Chelsea for 15 years, serving nearly 200,000 meals. Her leadership has created a welcoming space for those in need as she oversees weekly operations, coordinating, preparing and serving around 200 meals for 100 guests weekly.

She fosters a sense of belonging by embodying compassion, respect, and inclusivity and her dedication extends to managing a team of volunteers, providing support, and ensuring they stay engaged. She has shown resilience during challenging times like the cost-of-living crisis and the pandemic, adapting the program to meet increased demand and her ability to lead with warmth and kindness while maintaining a high-quality service has turned Matt's Place into a vital community hub.



It's Okay Not to Be Okay was named the Community Group of the Year for their exceptional contributions to mental health advocacy in the community. They are dedicated to combating mental health stigma, empowering individuals to seek help, and creating a more inclusive society.

Founded on the belief that mental health challenges should not hinder fulfilling lives, It's Okay Not to Be Okay has become an essential resource in Kingston.

They offer workshops, resources, and community events to promote mental well-being and resilience. Their team, consisting of mental health professionals, volunteers, and lived-experience advocates, combines expertise with empathy.

Their efforts were also recently recognised with the 2024 Westfield Southland Everyday Heroes Award, highlighting their invaluable impact.

Mayor Georgina Oxley presented the awards at the Kingston volunteer appreciation event on Wednesday afternoon and said there was an outstanding group of nominees which made selecting the winners a huge challenge.



"We have so many people doing remarkable things in our community and this event, and these awards are just a small way of us being able to show how valued people's efforts and contribution are," Cr Oxley said.

"The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Kingston and it is one of the main reasons why our city is such a great place to live.

"National Volunteer Week is a great chance to say thank you - to shine a light on the tireless efforts of those who usually prefer to stay behind the scenes. "This year's theme, Connecting Communities, couldn't be more apt. Volunteering builds bridges. It brings people from different walks of life together and creates bonds that enrich lives and strengthen our social fabric.

"It fosters community engagement, belonging, and meaningful relationships that last well beyond any single project or event. "To all of you unsung heroes, tireless volunteers, and local legends - a huge thank you on behalf of all our council and community.

For more information about Kingston's awards program visit kingston.vic.gov.au/council/awards.



Evie Brandon-Cope is Kingston's new Junior Mayor

Kingston continues to foster an appreciation of democracy in our local school students thanks to our long-running Junior Mayor program.

Evie Brandon-Cope, from Edithvale Primary School, has been elected as Kingston's Junior Mayor for 2025/26. Evie will now work alongside Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley to represent the community at key events and functions including citizenship ceremonies, official openings and much more.

Mayor Oxley said the Junior Mayor program provides a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people in Kingston. "This is one of my favourite events of the year because it's always really great to hear from our young leaders about their ideas on how to make Kingston an even better place to live," Cr Oxley said.

"I always come away so impressed by the high quality of speakers and the passion and deep thinking that goes into the presentations. We want to encourage young people to take an active role in our community and give them the opportunity to develop skills in leadership and public speaking and to learn more about how democracy and local government works. Inspiring the next generation of leaders starts with giving them a voice today."

The Junior Mayor program has run for over 60 years in a successful partnership with Chelsea Rotary. Kingston's Junior Mayor is elected at an annual event where grade six representatives from primary schools across Kingston present speeches on a key theme. This year 26 local schools were represented.

Evie was elected by her peers to serve as Junior Mayor for the next 12 months, alongside 11 other students who were elected to Kingston Junior Council. This year students were asked to present on the topic: What does an inclusive community look like to you? Evie alongside her team members Poppy, Hana and Violet presented a creative and well thought out speech about what inclusivity means to them. Consulting with their school community, they believe a more inclusive Kingston is a place where everyone is made to feel like they belong through the celebration of the diverse cultures represented and hope to see dedicated initiatives to support and encourage everyone to be proud of the culture they come from

Chloe Smith, from Chelsea Heights Primary School, was elected Deputy Junior Mayor for 2025/26.

The full Junior Council for 2025-26 is:

- Paloma Lopez from Bonbeach
 Primary School for Banksia Ward
- Mikayla Hipolito from Westall Primary School for Bunjil Ward
- Declan Charles from Christway College for Caruana Ward
- Tia Pierce from St John Vianney's Primary School for Chicquita Ward
- Olivia Shannon from St Patrick's Primary School for Como Ward
- Rohin Jain from Southmoor Primary School for Karkarook Ward

- Chloe Smith from Chelsea Heights Primary School for Longbeach Ward
- Emily Marshall from Parkdale Primary School for Melaleuca Ward
- Evie Brandon-Cope from Edithvale Primary School for Sandpiper Ward
- Damian Roufail from Cheltenham East Primary School for Wattle Ward
- Claire O'Donnell from Aspendale Gardens Primary School for Yammerbook Ward
- Romeo Emmett from Yarrabah School as Councillor's Choice

The students will begin their term after being sworn in at the June council meeting.



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The Great Housing Debate

Housing debates often revolve around either the affordability crisis, or property as an investment. With the two often interlinked. In any such discussion it is all too common that what really counts is forgotten - there is simply not enough available accommodation where people want to live

We need more houses in the right location. Over 50% of Australia's population lives in the 3 cities Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. We are one of the most urbanised countries in the world: The percentage of Australians living in cities has increased from 58% in 1911 to 90% in 2021.

Mixed into that problem is the fact that not all people are able to or want to buy a home. A recent study by the two principal national investment property organisations (PIPA and PICA) has detailed the rental crisis problem.

According to the research, Australia's population growth over the March 2019-2024 period created requirements for an additional 212,000 rental properties, in addition to the additional properties required for owner occupier. To meet this demand around 145,000 additional property investors were needed.

Yet Australian Taxation Office data reveals only 110,000 additional investors through that period, leaving a shortfall of nearly 35,000 investors.

Longer term older data 2003 - 2017 showed increases in individual property investors ranging from 56,000 to 60,000 per annum. According to Nicola McDougall of PIPA

"This trend disappeared after 2018 due to factors such as restrictive lending policies, increased market interference, new regulations, minimum standards, and higher taxes, which have discouraged investors".

The 2024 study also alarmingly showed increasing property investors leaving the market, with about 65% of those investment property sales then being purchased by homeowners rather than investors. That is great for those homebuyers, but not for renters. National vacancy rates have correspondingly decreased from around 3% (which is considered a normal and balanced market) to just 1.2%. A very real rental crisis.

That study and these numbers reflect what we have also seen at Integrity Finance Australia: Increased investor sales without investor purchases over the last 5 years. Followed by rapid increases in rents over 2023-2025 largely due to the lack of rental properties available in the marketplace.

That was then; this is now. In this office, we are now seeing the beginning of the wave the other way - increasing numbers of investor enquiries and purchases.

All signs point to 2025 being a great time to invest in property, price growth being supported by strong and increasing demand, limited supply, increased rental yields, decreasing interest rates, tax advantages and long-term capital appreciation. My view is we are moving into a booming market.

From an altruistic point of view the perfect world is investors buying new builds. There is a chronic shortage of housing: what we need is more houses built. This is also what the government wants, with depreciation benefits specific to new housing.



By doing this you are building your own wealth and contributing to society. With that comes the warning to all: The construction industry has been through a very tough time and is a minefield!

We recommend you tread with caution and take expert advice and guidance. Do not try to 'go it alone': The complexities of this market and the potential pitfalls are numerous.

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CR WHITE MEDIA RELEASE

Kingston Ratepayers Overwhelmingly Reject Satterley's Kingswood Golf Course Plans

- The Labor State Government received 1,482 community objections to the Kingswood Golf Course proposed development plans
- Plans saw dwellings crammed in at a preposterous 4.5m wide
- Would overburden an area ill-equipped to handle a dramatic population increase

The people have spoken: the Labor State Government has received 1482 objections from the community regarding Satterley's Development Plans for Kingswood Golf Course. Objections varied, but Kingston City Council's response described the plans as poor quality, lacking transparency, clarity, and detail. They are confusing, containing technical errors and inconsistencies. The plans do not meet acceptable standards, and they require further work before approval is considered. The rejection of previous development plans for the site by our council highlights that the community is not anti-development but rather opposed to inappropriate overdevelopment.

The plans fail to satisfy the requirements for the Development Plan Overlay, Vegetation Protection Overlay, Buffer Area Overlay, Special Building Overlay, and do not meet the expectations of the Golf Course Redevelopment Standing Advisory Committee (SAC).

The SAC has expressed concerns about the lack of clarity in how the development plan was arrived at. Instead of achieving a site-responsive design to protect the local environment, there are plots of land as narrow as 4.5m wide, which can only be described as a fool's exercise on how many small dwellings one can cram into a golf course. The plans also fail to adequately identify and protect the site's environmental values and asset ownership with Melbourne Water.

Kingston City Council is working towards meeting housing targets for the Federal Labor government's mass immigration program without resorting to overdevelopment in Dingley Village. In a recent public statement, state Planning Minister Sonia Kilkenny MP emphasised the importance of focusing on areas close to trains stations, trams, jobs and services when approving new developments.

She also reiterated that "our green open spaces are what make Melbourne so liveable." The proposed development would increase Dingley Village's population by 19% in just 6% of the available space. The suburb has no trains or trams and is only served by a couple of insufficient bus routes. There is also concern about traffic congestion and lack of a pedestrian pathway connecting Kingswood to the shopping precinct.

Caruana Ward Councillor Caroline White urges Sonia Kilkenny and the state Labor government to take this opportunity to do the right thing by working with Kingston Council, Satterley, and the community to provide a revised development plan that achieves net community benefits and positive environmental outcomes.



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Despite issues such as local flooding risks, lack of infrastructure, services, and secondary schools not being properly addressed in the plans, the Kingswood Golf Course development can be corrected by reducing the number of plots to align with the local neighbourhood character.

If Sonia Kilkenny chooses to approve this flawed development plan for the Kingswood Golf Course, it will demonstrate that the Labor state government is working to line the pockets of Satterley, the same developers who fund their political party, rather than serving the community. It will be a testament to just how corrupt and mismanaged our state has become under a decade of Labor ineptitude.

Cr. Caroline White thanks Kingston City Council officers, planning team leader Jonathon Guttman, and the community including Save Kingswood and the Dingley Village Community Association for their thorough assessment of Satterley's development plans for the Kingswood Golf Course in Dingley Village.

Satterley acquired the land after a controversial divestment by superannuation fund AusSuper in 2023, having sat on the site for nine years. The process was spurred on at the urging of the state government in January of this year. The State Government gave Council a little under a month to scrutinise thousands of pages of planning documents without scope for community consultation, with Council being stonewalled by Ms. Kilkenny's office until locals took action.

The council has provided feedback on these plans to Ms. Kilkenny, who holds ultimate decision-making power over the site in the coming weeks.

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SAFE COMMUNITIES

Is it OK to leave device chargers plugged in all the time? An expert explains

THE CONVERSATION

Academic rigour, journalistic flair

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How many chargers do you own?

We're surrounded by rechargeable electronic devices – mobile phones, laptops, smart watches, headphones, e-bikes and more. You might have a phone charger plugged in next to your bed without ever bothering to switch it off at the wall or unplugging it when not in use. The same might go for a laptop charger by your desk. But is that risky to do? And are there hidden costs associated with leaving chargers plugged in all the time?

What's inside a charger?

Naturally, not all chargers are the same. Depending on the application and power requirement, their internal structure can range from very simple to complex. However, a typical charger takes in the AC (alternating current) from the wall plug and converts it to a low-voltage DC (direct current) suitable for your device's battery.

To understand the difference between DC and AC, consider the flow of electrons in a wire. In a DC circuit, electrons move in one direction and keep rotating in the circuit. In an AC circuit, electrons doesn't circulate and only move back and forth. The reason for why we use both types of current goes a long way back, to the time when inventors Thomas Edison and Nicola Tesla battled over which type would become the default standard. Today, we are still stuck between both. Electricity is traditionally generated in AC form, but modern appliances and batteries require the DC form. This is why almost every electrical appliance comes with an AC-DC converter.

To do the conversion from AC to DC, a typical charger needs several electrical components such as a transformer, a circuit for doing the actual conversion, filtering elements to enhance the quality of output DC voltage, and control circuitry for regulation and protection.

Chargers consume power even when not charging

"Vampire power" is real. If you leave it plugged in, a charger will continuously draw a small amount of power. Part of this power is used to keep the control and protection circuits running while the rest is



lost as heat. When we look at an individual small charger, the vampire power – also known as standby power – is negligible.

However, if you add up all the chargers in your home for various devices, over time the wasted energy can be significant. Standby power is not exclusive to chargers, either; other electronic devices such as TVs draw a little bit of standby power, too. Depending on how many things you leave plugged in, over the course of the year it could amount to several kilowatt hours. That said, modern chargers are designed to minimise standby power consumption. These chargers come with smart power management components that keep them in sleep mode until an external device attempts to draw power.

There are other risks, too

Chargers wear out over time when electricity flows through them, particularly when the electricity grid voltage temporarily rises above its rated value.



The electricity grid is a chaotic environment and various voltage rise events happen from time to time. Leaving your chargers exposed to these events will shorten their life. This premature ageing shouldn't be alarming for modern devices, thanks to their improved design and control. But it is particularly concerning for cheap, uncertified chargers. These often lack appropriate levels of protection and can be a fire hazard.

How should I treat my chargers?

Although modern chargers are generally very safe and should be drawing minimal standby power, consider unplugging them anyway – if convenient. If a charger gets warmer than usual, makes noise, or is damaged in any way, it is time for a replacement. And it definitely shouldn't be left plugged in.

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

Why won't my cough go away?

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A persistent cough can be embarrassing, especially if people thirds you have COVID

think you have COVID.

Coughing frequently can also make you physically tired, interfere with sleep and trigger urinary incontinence. As a GP, I have even treated patients whose repetitive forceful coughing has caused stress fractures in their ribs. So, why do some coughs linger so long? Here are some of the most common causes – and signs you should get checked for something more serious.

Why do we cough?

The cough reflex is an important protective mechanism. Forcefully expelling air helps clear our lungs and keep them safe from irritants, infections and the risk of choking.

Some people who have long-term conditions, such as chronic bronchitis or bronchiectasis, have to cough frequently. This is because the lung's cilia – tiny hair-like structures that move mucus, debris and germs – no longer work to clear the lungs. A wet or "productive" cough means coughing up a lot of mucus. A cough can also be dry or "unproductive".

This happens when the cough receptors in the airways, throat and upper oesophagus have become overly sensitised, triggering a cough even when there's no mucus to clear.

Causes of a chronic cough

A cough is considered chronic when it lasts longer than eight weeks in adults, or four weeks in children. The three most common causes are:

 post-nasal drip (where mucus drips from the back of the nose into the throat)

asthma

acid reflux from the stomach.

These often go together. One study found 23% of people with chronic cough had two of these conditions, and 3% had all three.



This makes sense – people prone to airway allergies are more likely to develop both asthma and hay fever (allergic rhinitis). Hay fever is probably the main cause of persistent post-nasal drip. Meanwhile, prolonged, vigorous coughing can also cause reflux, possibly triggering further coughing.

Chronic cough is the primary symptom of two other conditions, although these can be more challenging to diagnose: cough-variant asthma and eosinophilic bronchitis. Both conditions inflame the airways. However, they don't rapidly improve with Ventolin (the standard clinic test to diagnose asthma).

Coughs after respiratory infections

Coughs can also persist long after a viral or bacterial infection. In children with colds, one systematic review found it took 25 days for more than 90% to be free of their cough.

After an infection, cough hypersensitivity may develop thanks to inflamed airways and over-responsive cough receptors. Even minor irritants will then trigger the coughing reflex.

The body's response to infection makes the mucus more sticky – and more difficult for the overworked, recovering cilia to clear. Allergens in the air can also more easily penetrate the upper airway's damaged lining. This can trigger an unhelpful feedback loop that slows the body's recovery after an infection. Excessive and unhelpful coughing tends to further fatigue the recovering cilia and irritate the airway lining.

Could I still have an infection?

When a cough persists, a common concern is whether a secondary bacterial infection has followed the first viral infection, requiring antibiotics. Simply coughing up yellow or green phlegm is not enough to tell. To diagnose a serious chest infection, your doctor will consider the whole picture of your symptoms. For example, whether you also have shortness of breath, worsening fever or your lungs make abnormal sounds through a stethoscope. The possibility you have undiagnosed asthma or allergies should also be considered.

What treats a persistent cough?

People with a persistent cough who are otherwise healthy may request and be prescribed antibiotics. But these rarely shorten how long your cough lasts, as irritation – not infection – is the primary cause of cough. The most effective



treatments for shifting sticky mucus from the airways are simple ones: saline nose sprays and washes, steam inhalation and medicated sore throat sprays. Honey has also been shown to reduce throat irritation and the need to cough. The effectiveness of cough syrup is less clear. As these mixtures have potential side effects, they should be used with care.

Signs of something more serious

Sometimes, a cough that won't go away could be the sign of a serious condition, including lung cancer or unusual infections. Fortunately, these aren't common. To rule them out, Australia's chronic cough guidelines recommend a chest x-ray and spirometry (which tests lung volume and flow) for anyone presenting to their doctor with a chronic cough.

You should seek prompt medical attention if, in addition to your cough, you:

- cough up blood.
- produce a lot of phlegm.
- are very short of breath, especially when resting or at night.
- have difficulty swallowing.
- lose weight or have a fever.
- · have recurring pneumonia.
- are a smoker older than 45, with a new or changed cough.

What if there's no clear cause?

Very occasionally, despite thorough testing and treatment, a cough persists. This is called refractory chronic cough. When no cause can be identified, it's known as unexplained chronic cough. In the past, unexplained cough may have been diagnosed as a "psychogenic" or "habit" cough, a term which has fallen from favour. We now understand that cough hypersensitivity makes a person cough out of proportion to the trigger, and that both the peripheral and central nervous systems play a role in this. But our understanding of the relationship between hypersensitivity and chronic cough remains incomplete. These are disabling conditions and should be referred to a respiratory clinic or a chronic cough specialist. Speech pathology treatments may also be effective for refractory and unexplained coughs. There are a class of new medications in the pipeline that block cough receptors, and seem promising for persisting, troublesome coughs.

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PARENTING

What can you do if you don't like your child's friends?

THE CONVERSATION

Academic rigour, journalistic flair

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Many parents will be familiar with this situation: your child has a good or even best friend, but you don't like them. Perhaps the friend is bossy, has poor manners or jumps on your furniture. Maybe you don't like the way your child behaves when they are with this friend. For older children, your dislike might relate to the friend's language, attitude towards school, or risk-taking behaviours. Maybe the friend is hot and cold and elicits more drama than Mean Girls.

You will have a protective instinct

If you see your child being treated poorly, this can ignite a protective instinct in parents that manifests in a bodily "fight or flight" response. This provides a rush of adrenaline, which can spur parents to take actions such as criticising the friend or even attempting to ban the friendship. However, this approach can do more harm than good, particularly for adolescents who are hardwired to push back on their parents.



What can you do for younger kids?

With younger children, clear boundaries can be set at the outset of a playdate. For example, "my bedroom is off limits for playing" or "we don't jump on the couch". If kids are using mean or rude language around each other, you can say "we don't use that word in this house, be kind to each other".

Playdates can be moved outside, which can be particularly helpful if a child shows loud, destructive or rude behaviour. And if you can help it, organise fewer plays with that child. But parents may also want to reflect on why this child rubs them the wrong way. Is the reaction warranted, or does it comes from your own biases and opinions? Your child's friends do not have to be the friends you would choose.

Change your approach for older kids

To become successful adults, teens need to move through developmental milestones of becoming autonomous and

self-reliant. Intervening in their friendships interferes with this vital process of developing independence and identity, which ultimately disempowers them.

In the 1960s, US psychologist Diana Baumrind published famous research on parenting. She found an authoritarian style - where the parent exerts complete control and does not listen to the child's needs - results in a child with less confidence and independence than one brought up in a household that has rules but is also responsive to their needs. Adopting an authoritarian approach to friends or potential partners also risks the "Romeo and Juliet" effect, whereby disapproval makes the child more attracted to that person



So, for teenagers and their friends, the approach should be more nuanced. The primary goal is to encourage the child to see the parent as a person to come to when they have problems. If parents are tempted to be critical, they could ask themself: is it in the best interests of your child to be controlled? It is important to let children make mistakes so they can learn from them. Learning about what they do and don't want in relationships is a crucial life skill.

How can you talk about friendship?

Fostering an open dialogue about friends and relationships can allow parents to have influence in a subtle and developmentally appropriate way. For younger children, you could use a quiet moment to ask questions like "what can you say to Charlotte if you don't want to play her game anymore?" or "what's a good way to deal with it if she is being too bossy?" For older children, ideally wait until your teen wants to connect, rather than launching into questions. Ask gentle, non-judgmental questions about their friendship, like "what do you like to do together?" or "tell me about what you have in common".

If they seem upset or uncomfortable in some way, resist the urge to dismiss or solve the problem. Simply listening is the key to helping the child work it out, so they feel supported but not judged. And remember, not all friendships last. As children move through school and grow, most will naturally make new friends and move on from old ones. Clearly, one exception to adopting a teen-led approach is when safety is at risk. If they are being bullied or abused in any form – even if the child is opposed – parents should step in and speak to the school or other relevant authorities.

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Children and Screen Time: Is It Harming Their Vision?

In today's digital age, it's not uncommon to see children scrolling through tablets, gaming on consoles, or attending online classes—all before lunchtime. While technology has brought educational and entertainment benefits, many parents are rightly concerned about what all this screen time may be doing to their child's eyes. As optometrists, we're seeing a growing trend in screen-related vision issues among young patients, and it's important families understand both the risks and how to protect their children's vision.

What Is Digital Eye Strain?

Digital eye strain refers to a group of eye and vision problems that result from prolonged use of digital devices. In children, this can manifest as eye fatigue, headaches, blurred vision, dry eyes, and even neck and shoulder discomfort. Unlike printed materials, digital screens often encourage poor posture, shorter working distances, and less frequent blinking—all of which can contribute to discomfort and visual symptoms. Children are particularly vulnerable because they may not recognise or verbalise that something is wrong. Instead, they may become irritable, avoid tasks that require visual concentration, or struggle with attention at school.

The Myopia Epidemic

One of the most concerning effects of increased screen time and near work is its link to myopia, or short-sightedness. Myopia is not just about needing glasses—it is a progressive condition that increases the risk of serious eye diseases later in life, including retinal detachment, glaucoma, and macular degeneration.

Studies have shown that children who spend more time on close-up tasks like reading and screen use, and less time outdoors, are more likely to develop myopia at a younger age. The earlier it begins, the more severe it tends to become. Alarmingly, the global rate of myopia is expected to rise dramatically in the coming decades, with lifestyle factors like excessive screen time playing a key role.

How Much Screen Time Is Too Much?

While every child is different, most experts agree that excessive screen time—particularly for recreational use—is not ideal for developing eyes. The World Health Organisation recommends no screen time for children under 2 years old and no more than 1 hour per day for children aged 2 to 5. For older children, the focus should be on balancing screen use with outdoor activity and ensuring that screen time is purposeful and supervised.

It's important to distinguish between educational and recreational screen use, especially with the increasing reliance on digital tools in schools. Nonetheless, long periods of uninterrupted close-up work, regardless of purpose, can still strain the eyes.

What Can Parents Do?

The good news is that there are practical steps families can take to protect their children's vision:

- Follow the 20-20-20 Rule: Encourage your child to take a 20-second break to look at something 20 feet away every 20 minutes during screen use.
- Increase Outdoor Time: Aim for at least 1.5 to 2 hours of outdoor play per day. Natural light and distance focusing have been shown to slow the progression of myopia.
- Create a Vision-Friendly Setup: Ensure screens are at eye level or just below, with adequate lighting and minimal glare.
 Avoid screen use in bed or in poor lighting.
- Limit Recreational Screen Time: Set daily limits on nonessential screen use and promote screen-free activities like reading physical books, art, or outdoor play.
- Book Regular Eye Exams: Children should have their first comprehensive eye exam by age 4, or earlier if concerns arise, and then regularly as recommended. Early detection of vision issues, especially myopia, is key to long-term eye health.

Screens are here to stay, and they're an integral part of how children learn, socialise, and entertain themselves. But just like we teach kids to brush their teeth and eat healthy foods, we need to teach them to use screens wisely and care for their eyes. By encouraging regular breaks, increasing outdoor play, and scheduling routine eye exams, we can help protect our children's vision today and into the future.

If you have concerns about your child's vision or screen habits, don't hesitate to book an appointment. A simple eye test could make a big difference.

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MENS SHED



Men's Health Week Strikes a Chord

During June 9 - 15 The Dingley Village Men's Shed (DVMS) recognised Men's Health Week with a variety of initiatives culminating with messages from our Vice President Peter O'Leary along with member Jack De Zoete, a retired GP.

From reminders of Blood Pressure checks to encouragement to visit your local doctor for a check-up there was no shortage of suggestions to 'better look after yourself. With an aver-age age of 76yrs and at least 8 of our regular attendees not present due to health issues we could not have had a more poignant example of the current ills and chills which ac-company Winter. We had 91 members in attendance on Friday June 13th which represents circa half of our total membership. The message was well received and hopefully acted upon not just for the week but all year round.

Funny Hats Generate Flood Funds

For some folk Friday 13th suggests being suspicious, even superstitious. So, you might think that purposely drawing attention to yourself is testing fate!! But the Dingley Village Men's Shed (DVMS) boys are not so easily swayed.



It was our longtime "Raffle" Ron Wood who had the idea, made the initial contact then suggested to our members that we might be able to make a worthwhile contribution to a fellow Men's Shed in

fun at the same time. What better and more auspicious occasion to do that than on Friday 13th June!

Taree Northern NSW and have some

The devastating recent floods especially through the Taree Showgrounds Men's Shed brought with them six feet (1.83 metres) of swift moving uncontrollable water.



What a mess??? Now, we knew our assistance would be small in the overall context of this disaster but to come from a like-minded group so far away we were keen to at least bring hope to a very difficult situation.

By and large Men's Sheds are a community resource and there would be many resources required to get this community group back on its feet so it could then assist others affect-ed by the floods. So many of our members participated (paying \$5 each for the privilege) that it was difficult to fit them all into the photo.

We raised \$300.00 which we will transfer electronically into their bank account as postal services will be amongst lots of "normal services" affected. The banter around our shed as a result was heart-warming to experience.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Farewell David Senini

David you have served the Village for almost fifty years.

You will be sadly missed, as no other family Doctor does home visits.

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KINGSWOOD UPDATE

Council and community call for urgent changes to Kingswood plans

Kingston has joined with the community to raise serious concerns about the proposed plans for the redevelopment of the former Kingswood Golf Course in Dingley Village. More than 1,400 community members lodged submissions with the Victorian Government on the draft development plan for the site, with most highlighting worries about the scale and potential impacts on the local area.

Kingston Mayor Georgina Oxley said Council shared the community's concerns and was urging the Victorian Government to require further work on the plan to address community feedback before any final decisions are made. "While we understand the Government has already rezoned the land, this is a major development in the heart of Dingley Village, which was never planned to have its golf course redeveloped. Therefore, it requires very careful planning every step of the way," Cr Oxley said.

"This is very different to a new suburb on the fringes of Melbourne or extra housing in an activity centre, the Dingley Village community are rightly concerned about what this means for their Neighbourhood. "Council is calling for a more balanced and better thought-out plan – one that protects the area's vegetation and unique character, while ensuring required infrastructure is provided to keep pace with growth."

The most common community concerns included:

- Loss of trees and open space and impacts on local biodiversity and amenity for residents.
- Small lot sizes and housing density not in keeping with the surrounding Neighbourhood.
- Increased traffic and road congestion especially around Centre Dandenong Road, Tootal Road and local residential streets.
- Infrastructure constraints- including schools, childcare, medical facilities and access to public transport (more frequent bus services).
- Drainage and flooding risks especially due to reduced permeable surfaces on the site.
- Impact on Neighbourhood character particularly due to the scale and layout of proposed housing, which will see wellestablished trees removed along the site's boundaries.

Caruana Ward Councillor Caroline White said the number of community submissions sent a powerful message to decision-makers.

"The community has been incredibly clear – this proposal as it stands is not right for Dingley Village," Cr White said. "They want development that fits the area, protects what locals love, and doesn't overload already stretched services."Cr White said the Minister's own expert Advisory Committee had highlighted significant issues with developing the land and given a very clear signal to decision makers about issues that needed to be properly addressed.

While the Victorian Government is now the decision-maker on the site, Council has lodged a detailed submission highlighting a range of critical issues with the current development plan.

Key concerns raised by Council include:

- · Significant native vegetation and tree removal.
- Flawed technical documents including misidentified tree species and underestimation of native vegetation.
- Poorly drafted development plan with errors, vague language and lack of clear guidance for future subdivision.
- Stormwater and drainage issues unresolved questions around ownership, maintenance and design standards.
- Unclear design guidelines uncertainty about how new homes (including those built next to existing homes) will be assessed and what permits will be required.
- Weak commitment to affordable housing Kingston lacks genuinely affordable housing for key workers (teachers, nurses etc) and it's not clear that the current proposal will provide affordable homes.
- Missing pedestrian connections further work is needed by the developer to ensure strong connections into the shopping precinct.

Cr Oxley said the recent decision by the State Government to remove Council's planning authority for the site makes it even more important that community and Council concerns are properly addressed.

"We are extremely disappointed that this change was made without consultation or impact assessment," Cr Oxley said.

"It makes the need for a clear and robust plan even more urgent. "We have a significant track record of supporting well-planned growth – but it must be planned properly to respect local values, protect the environment and deliver the infrastructure and services needed."



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VILLAGE REFLECTIONS

Spring Rd Stables

stables shown were somewhere in Spring Road. This photograph is in the Historical Society collection, but we have no other information about them. Do you remember the stables or have any information? The Historical Society would like to hear from you if you can help us.



Early Market gardeners used a horse and plough to prepare the land for their crops. Traditional horsedrawn ploughs were in use in the market gardens well into the 1920's. Many farmers used single furrow ploughs, others had multiple furrow ploughs in use.

In the early years here was no mechanical equipment and many farmers had one horse for ploughing and transporting produce to market.



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 us please contact:

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The Old Opp Shop

I rarely buy reading material. Sometimes a book but magazines mostly, and they are usually of the second hand variety. And the best place for me to get those for a tuppence is the Opportunity Shop for Lost Souls on the main street in Healesville. It's been there for yonks and I sometimes find a treasure or two.

Last month I found an old Meccano magazine, it was from 1939; I think I might have read it before I left for war. A present from my lovely Sandie.



I'm a bohemian now. I'm chuckling as I write this. The war had something to do with that. The ordinary straight and narrow wasn't for me after that mind altering experience and of course the leg injury, I can tell you. I opted for a different type of life after that. My pipe time is very satisfying; I grow my own 'tobacco' in the patch at the back of my little hermit cottage in the hills.

Whisky is my other little weakness, with some justification I might add. While I have come a long way since I arrived at Port Melbourne at the end of 1945, there's still a big part of me missing. That's why I live alone up in the hills. I could never find Sandie when I got back.

She said she would wait and I never got a Dear John letter. I looked for her up hill and down dale but there was no trace. Her mother was her only relative and she seemingly had also left the face of the earth.

I was rarely in town, only going for supplies and a visit to The Arms where I knew old Charlie Radnell, the publican. He always had a few free coldies ready for me. I kept my ears open for any rumours and never stopped asking about Sandie, but deep down I knew I didn't have a ghost of chance to find her. Maybe she married someone and changed her name but I still don't get it.

I was thinking about her that day when I decided to visit the Opp Shop. Old Doris was at the counter and after a bonny welcome she told me to pick what I wanted, it was on the house. I headed straight for the magazines and quickly dived headfirst into a Life edition from 1942. It was just sitting there like it was waiting for me. A bit frayed at the edges, just like me.

I didn't know how long I had been reading a section on Letters to the Editor. They always made me laugh. concocted or not. One wasn't all that amusing, it was about a woman back from the war who had lost everything and asked question after question about the worth of it all. A rustling at my side made me look up suddenly. Not much amazes me anymore but this very old woman did. She was holding a book out to me.

I tried to take her appearance in my stride but I failed miserably. She would have seen that. I had never seen anyone so dishevelled, even when I was in ravaged French towns during 1944. She had stringy grey hair that stretched down to her shoulders, past an impassive lined face that hadn't moved for any emotions for years. She was wearing a woollen overcoat, some effort given it was at least a 100. I was struck by her steely expression and most importantly, beautiful hazel-blue eyes. Those eyes reminded me of someone.

By the time I looked up from the book the old woman was gone. How could anyone move that quickly. There was only Doris in the shop. I ran to the street and could see no sign of the old woman. I asked Doris whether she had seen the woman. She gave me a strange look.

I sat down on a battered old couch at the back of the shop and began to explore the raggedy, cover peeling book that the woman had given me.

It was a grimy copy of an Agatha Christie novel, And Then There Were None. As I tried to flick through the pages I found that all the pages bar the middle two were glued together. In the centre of those two pages was a small creased piece of paper with four words; lost and not forgotten.

Warren Duncan, 2025 The Dingley Village Writing For Pleasure

WINTER WARMERS FROM YOUR LOCAL

Keep things convenient, cosy and close to home this chilly season at Dingley Village Shopping Centre!









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SAFER PLACES NETWORK



Neighbourhood Watch Victoria, proudly fill the gaps where Victoria Police need community support—and one of the most important of these is making it faster and easier for police to access CCTV footage when investigating crime.

That's why Neighbourhood Watch Victoria has partnered with Safer Places Network (SPN) as an inaugural supporter to help build a state-wide—and eventually national—resource that saves police time, energy, and ultimately, public funds.

Why CCTV Matters—But It's Not the Whole Story

CCTV is not a silver bullet. It's one of several target hardening measures Victorians should use to prevent crime. Removing opportunity for crime to occur—such as locking doors, installing lighting, and fostering neighbourhood connections—remains essential.

But when used appropriately, CCTV footage can be an invaluable tool for police in both investigating and prosecuting crime. It provides evidence, timelines, and crucial leads that help keep our communities safe.

Saving Time, Saving Resources

Currently, police often need to physically walk door-to-door to find cameras, identify owners, and request footage. This is time-consuming and delays investigations. Imagine the difference if police could instantly identify where cameras are located and request footage directly through a secure, consent-based system. That's what the Safer Places Network offers.

Why Join the Safer Places Network?

Registration is free, takes less than 60 seconds, gets police back on patrol and helps make your community safer.

Privacy Protected

Safer Places Network don't collect or store footage. They only register camera locations - police must contact you directly to request footage.

Register your security cameras today at http://saferplaces.com.au By doing so, you're not only protecting your home or business—you're helping protect your whole community.

LOCAL SPORTS 🏈

Dingley Football Netball Club

The wins continued in Football in Round 6 as the action moved to St Pauls McKinnon, where we have often come away disappointed in the last few years. After a good start to the day, St Pauls went to the half time break three goals in front.

After some serious soul searching, a rejig of some personnel on field, the Seniors five goals in twelve minutes a everyone lifted to the challenge.

That nine goal third quarter set us up for an eventual convincing eight goal win. against quality opposition. Tom Morecroft kicked four goals as did young star Jack Ferraro.

Newly promoted Murrumbeena was our next guest in Round 7, and their plan was to pack their defence in an effort to limit our scoring chances. It worked to a degree, but 'Beena' couldn't find the goals easily either.

It was a tough physical encounter, and the winning margin of twenty nine points was hard won [71 to 42] continued our winning run.

Cranbourne at Cranbourne was the next football challenge where our record in recent years has been excellent, having escaped on several occasions with close wins. The wins continued with a comfortable twenty five point win, with midfielder Kai Stretton unstoppable with 39 possessions.

The inconsistencies of the 2025 season draw meant that we were then drawn to meet Port Melbourne Colts in Round 9 on June 14 although we had played and defeated them in Round 2, winning at Port Melbourne by twenty one points.

Not even the most optimistic Dingley supporter would have dared to suggest, pre-season, that at the half way mark of the season, both Seniors and Reserves would be undefeated. Indeed, Sam Williams' Reserves have now extended their unbeaten run to twenty nine in a row.

The club also celebrated for key forward Caleb Lewis being drafted to the Gold Coast Suns in the AFL mid-season draft. AFL fans should keep an eye on the future career of Caleb as he ventures into the big time. A good young bloke and a proud Dingo.

Go Dingoes in 2025



Bayside Community Emergency Relief Winter Clothes Needed for Homeless Men

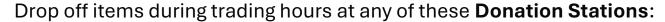
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated so far to our winter clothing drive — your generosity is making a real difference!

However, we are still in urgent need of warm clothing for men who dramatically outnumber women. Items especially needed include:

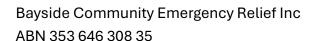
- · Coats & jackets
- Sweaters & hoodies
- Thermal shirts & pants
- Gloves, hats & scarves
- Sneakers & warm socks
- Backpacks

If you're able to donate, please consider helping us keep our homeless community warm this winter.

If you prefer to help by making a tax deductible monetary donation for us to buy more clothes please head to: https://www.baysidecommunityemergencyrelief.com.au



- Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre –
- 31B Marcus Rd, Dingley Village
- Chelsea Heights Community Centre –
 160 Thames Promenade, Chelsea Heights
- Community Bank Highett (Bendigo Bank) –
 322–324 Highett Rd, Highett
- Brighton Library 14 Wilson St, Brighton
- Your Dentistree 1337 Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham
- Community Bank Elwood (Bendigo Bank) 142 Ormond Rd, Elwood



Web: baysidecommunityemergencyrelief.com.au.

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CIRCLING THE CLUBS



Country Women's Association Dingley Village

TO TOPIA

The Kingston Community Awards celebrate the great work and achievements of people, groups, and organisations in Kingston. These include areas like education, health, fundraising, volunteering, business, sports, arts, the environment, or anything else that helps benefit or improve the community. The Awards acknowledge volunteering which creates lasting relationships that enrich lives and strengthen community engagement, connection and belonging.

We were humbled to be nominated for the 2025 Kingston Community Awards in recognition of our fundraising efforts at CWA Dingley Village. While we may not have won, we are proud to be part of a network of dedicated volunteers making a positive impact on our community. Congratulations to embody the spirit of service and community building.

Our Winter Warmers stall at Parkmore Shopping Centre held early June, was a great success thanks to the wonderful support of our local community. A special thanks also, to those ladies who are not members, but knit for our stalls. And a big thank you to Parkmore Shopping Centre and those in the community who have donated knitting wool to our group and came on the day to purchase our handcrafts.

Our next stall is all about baking!! Hope to see you at our annual Father's Day stall, Bunnings Keysborough on Saturday September 6. CWA Dingley Branch meets at the Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10am. If you need any further information about CWA or would like to consider becoming a member, please contact Sue 0434 879 875.

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 10th of July and the August one is on the 14th. Starting time is 7.00 -7.30 PM and meals and snacks are available. Of course you have the usual wide choice of beverages being dispensed for your indulgence. Our regular dinner is held on the last Saturday of the month and the July one will be on the 26th. 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. A number of 60 Plussers were entertained by Sandi Dodd at the Keysborough Seniors Club in June.

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 and enquiries can be made to Graeme on 9551 3462.

PS-Activities in Winter in Melbourne are cool?

Probus Club Dingley Central



At our June meeting the guest speaker was Darryl Jones.He retired from the Victoria Police Force after nearly 33years of service,and is a recipient of many bravery awards.During his career he has served in the Traffic Operations Group,before transferring to the Air Wing,firstly as a crewman/winch operator,then observer and ultimately pilot. During his service at the Police Airwing,Darryl played significant roles in rescuing more than 300 people.

We were shown a documentary and reenactment of the ill fated 1998 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, where he and his crew risked their lives to rescue 5 sailors from Bass Straight.

Since 2001 Darryl has been director of the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation and is looking forward to continuing his service to the people of Victoria in retirement through the foundation.

We have a variety of activities for July.: Happy Hour, iPad group, Wine Tasting, Camera Club, Legs and Morning Coffee, Morning Melodie's, Dine Out, Mens Lunch, Ladies Lunch, Craft Day and Games 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 always welcome. For further information please contact Jean on 0438 272 232.

Website. <u>dingleycentralprobus.wix.com/dingleycentralprobus</u>

Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Incorporated

The Dingley Village Senior Citizens Club Inc meets every Monday from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM and new members are most welcomed.

Mark your calendars for JULY 2025 as we have some fantastic activities lined up for you:

- 7th Games, Cards, and Dominoes:
- 14th Bingo
- **16th -** Bus Trip to Aquarium and lunch
- 21st Bingo
- **28th -** AGM and lunch provided

For more information, feel free to reach out to our President, Margaret, at **9580 4321**, or our Secretary, Asha, at **0417105646**



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

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 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.

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 and 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 are on the 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month 1pm to 3pm. \$3.00 entry.

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

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

Club members and visitors enjoyed an afternoon with Rick Charles giving us a heap of Rock and Roll and popular songs.

Future entertainment for members will be: 29th July, Christmas in July at the Sandown Park Hotel. Club membership for F/Y 25/26 remains at \$10.00.

Contact is 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 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).

Mordialloc/Chelsea Evening VIEW Club

Mordialloc/Chelsea Evening VIEW Club is on the lookout for new members who want to give back to their community and make new connections with women in the area.

"We are always looking for women of all backgrounds and ages to join us and look forward to welcoming new faces at our next monthly meeting," said Club President Rhonda.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at The Bridge Hotel 1-4 Nepean Highway Aspendale at 6.30pm, includes dinner and a guest speaker RSVP Myra 0407041734. Anyone interested in becoming a member can call Maria on 0419507384 or Helen on 0418557358 or visit www.view.org.au for further information

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Senior Pastor: Dan Parker

Sunday Services: 10am Service has Children's Ministry.

EMERGENCY RESOURCES – FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM

Emergency Resources is a food relief agency of Kingston City Church that assists struggling families in the local community. We currently support over 160 families through our distribution center at Christ Church Dingley. Our program operates almost every Wednesday (except for school holidays), providing food parcels, fresh produce, and bread.

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

Funded by Kingston City Church, with the help of Council grants, support from local businesses, and a collection venue at Christ Church Dingley, the team at Emergency Resources feel blessed they can assist their local community.

Details:

- Open every Wednesday (except school holidays) from 10am – 2pm
- Location: 387-405 Old Dandenong Rd, Dingley Village VIC 3172
- Contact: Carlo Vilar, **03 8551 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 **0431 244 561**. www.heathertondingleyuca.org.au

Our Vision and our Mission

To seek to connect people to God and each other. Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church - Meeting U at the Crossroads of Life.

What's On

Wednesdays - Prayer meeting, 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 Kaye 0412 715 363.

Second And Fourth Thursdays Of The Month Unleash the Music in You – 7.30 p.m. at the Church. For further information contact Bob Lorraine on **0418 998 714**

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.



Address: 7-9 Fiveways Blvd Keysborough 3173

Pastor: Rodney Hole

Elders: Andrew Weston & Malcolm Crouch

Church Office: **8712 8254** 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 10am Worship Service

In person or can watch livestream on our webpage.

The church service includes:

- Bible teaching through expository preaching.
- Pastor Rodney Hole is currently preaching through the book of Hebrews.
- 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.

Ladies Bible Study

Meets regularly to work through an entire book of the Bible, alternating between the Old Testament and the New Testament. Previously studied are the books of Ruth, Philippians, Genesis and James and a video teaching series on "War of Words" by Paul Tripp based on his book. We are currently studying through the book of Daniel and Martha Peace's "The Excellent Wife".

Men of Faith

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

Village Church Youth Group (Years 7 -12)

Meets weekly on 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 lifted 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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Praise and Worship:

Sunday 20th July 6pm Auditorium, Christ Church Dingley

Men's Breakfast:

8-gam, McDonalds Braeside Guest speaker, a la carte menu. Rom 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."NKJ. Next Breakfast: Sat 26th July.

Faith-Science Discussion:

Sunday 27th July 2-4pm
Christ Church Dingley
To be led by Physicist, Emeritus Professor
John Pilbrow; Meteorologist Christie
Johnson; and Rev. Dr Chris Mulherin
Executive Director of ISCAST [Christianity in
Conversation with Science].
Theme: Science as a gift from God.

All are welcome.

Weekly Sunday Services

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

Next Combined Service

Sunday 1st August at 10am

Life Groups for Bible Study

For more information, please contact our office.

Youth Group Saturday

Youth Group returns to Friday nights. Lots of fun and engaging activities for ages 11 to 17 years. Drop off 6:30 pm, pick up 9 pm (sign-in essential) Please contact our office for details.

Pleasant Tuesday Service

2pm, 2nd Tuesday Each Month 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: 2pm, Tuesday 8th July.

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

Supports communities Locally, Nationally, and Internationally. Offering many bargains (good quality clothing, books, bric-a-brac, toys. Volunteers Welcome!

Opening Hours:

Wednesday - 9.30am - 4:00 pm Thursday - 9.30am - 1.30 pm Saturday - 9.30am - 1.30 pm

Donations: We take clean, useable items but cannot accept electrical goods, or baby/child equipment. Please bring donations during opening hours. Thank you.

Supported Missions

CCD supports: Make A Difference, Dingley Village; Common Grace; Hands At Work, Africa; BCA; CMS; NCIC.

Food Parcels Available

For those in need, upon request.

Prayer Ministry

Please contact our parish office for details and bookings.

Senior Minister: Rev. Richard Loh Parish Office: 03 9551 7871 Email: admin@ccd.org.au Website: www.ccd.org.au

St. Mark's Catholic Church

511 Lower Dandenong Road, Dingley Village, 3172. Phone: 9551 6930 or 9547 4877 Email: Springvale@cam.org.au Website for further information: ST JOSEPH SPRINGVALE | Catholic church Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Truong Nguyen OFM Conv.

Mass Times

- Saturdays, 5pm
- 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 www.salvationarmy.org.au/kingstoncity/ 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.

Echo Church



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

50 Tootal Rd. Dingley Village info@echochurch.org.au www.echochurch.org.au Sunday's at 10AM Senior Leaders: Justin & Leigh Box

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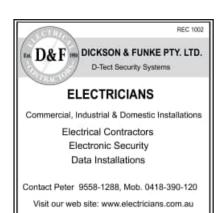
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