

## **Dingley Village Community Association (DVCA)**

### **Covid Awareness**

Please continue to remain vigilant about the Covid -19 virus and "do the right thing" during this pandemic. Being responsible and keeping our case numbers low, helps everyone stay safe and healthy in our village.

### **Dingley Village Library - Officially Now Open**

DVCA members were delighted to attend the official opening of our brand new library complex in Marcus Rd, held on 18 January 2021. The Library was opened by Dr. Tien Kieu, MLC for South Eastern Metropolitan, on behalf of local member Martin Pakula.

Funded by Council and a \$750,000 contribution from the State Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure Program, the new library was designed by NBR Architecture and is part of the Dingley Village Community Precinct Development.

### **Dingley Village Community Precinct Development - Stage 2 Proposal**

In 2017, Council developed a Dingley Precinct Master Plan to redevelop Dingley Village's Community Centre as an "intergenerational Hub for the Dingley Village Community".

The Plan comprises 2 stages:

Stage 1 - redevelopment of the Harold Box Hall and Dingley Library

Stage 2 - redevelopment of the Neighbourhood Centre

With Stage 1 now completed, DVCA is pleased that options for the redevelopment of the Neighbourhood Centre are now being considered by Council.

Recognising the current and future demand for Early Years services in Dingley Village, Council is considering full redevelopment of the Neighbourhood Centre into a new and comprehensive community Early Years Facility, an "Early Years Hub", providing increased Kindergarten and other Early Years services for Dingley Village.

Refurbishment of the adjacent Neighbourhood Centre car park is also being considered as part of this Stage 2 Proposal.

With the Neighbourhood Centre car park providing an important facility for informal Basketball, options for the continued provision of a suitable space for Basketball, full or half court size, are seen as vital for our community by the DVCA.

## **Centre Dandenong Road - Shops - Second Pedestrian Crossing**

We are hopeful that work on a second pedestrian crossing (opposite Mona's Bakery) will commence soon. Council has indicated that the crossing planning with Vic Roads/Dept of Transport has been completed.

We will be asking our Councillor Hua to continue to press for a starting date as it has been a long time coming. Many older residents need to access health providers on the south side of Centre Dandenong Road and it is not fair, realistic or safe, that they are expected to cross at the Marcus Road lights.

## **Rowan Road Reserve**

Rail and post fencing has been installed around the perimeter of this popular sporting reserve. The new fencing looks nice and should protect children and the grass. The new fence should also ensure users only park in the marked parking bays, making the road safer on those busy game days as well.

## **DVCA**

Please consider joining the DVCA. The DVCA is open to all residents who genuinely care about our Village. Meetings are held in the Community Centre, 2nd Tuesday each month (except Dec. & Jan.) at 7.30pm. and new members are most welcome to attend.

Meetings are being held via Zoom during any Corona virus shutdown period.

### **DVCA Contact Details**

For further information please contact the Chairman and Secretary at [dvcasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:dvcasecretary@gmail.com), or visit our new DVCA website: [www.dvca.info](http://www.dvca.info)