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## REMEMBRANCE DAY - FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - LEST WE FORGET

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month we have our AGM at which we will elect our management committee for 2023. Please give some thought to joining the committee or one of our sub committee's i.e. planning, communications (our newsletter) or a social community programs. EVA members can contact me for a nomination form. At the AGM on Wednesday November 23 we have as guest speaker Michael Buxton who will share his experience and views on the Future of Emerald.

Congratulations to three winners of the Citizenship Awards who have all made significant contributions to the Emerald community. At the award ceremony on Wednesday October 26th we also acknowledged past winners and we will place a photo of them in the foyer of the Hills Hub underneath the honour board.

Work is continuing on the planning of the skateboard park and the upgrading of the playground. Meetings have been held with local authorities to ensure this project progresses.

Thanks to Vanessa Kewish and EVER who are highly involved in achieving these facilities.

Please contact me if you are interested in participating in a Park Run at the Emerald Lake. A 5k run/walk of even a dog walk at 8am on a Saturday morning.

**Dick Bartley - President EVA**

### EVA - BUSINESS PLAN - PART 2

Last month's article dealt with the query "what does the EVA do?"

In the next editions of the newsletter we will explain the objectives of the EVAAction Plan.

#### 1.0 Strive to be the voice of Emerald.

1.01 To continue to improve our community communication and links.

1.02 To develop the Emerald Community network. The EVA fully supports the proposals for:

- Updating the Emerald Playground,

- Developing a pop-up Skateboard Park, and
- The updating of the bike trails.

1.03 Continue to inform the Emerald community.

- Via the EVA newsletter, web page and facebook.
- Paper copies (500) of the newsletter are distributed through various outlets.
- Regular Contributions from other Emerald Groups.

1.04 Establish a Register/Directory of all Groups within Emerald.

1.05 Establish & gather data on:

- Environment
- Planning
- Community Safety
- Infrastructure Assets - Resilience & Effectiveness
- Services to the Emerald Community
  - Social
  - Infrastructure
- Community Well-being
- Community Support
- Recreational
- Other Programs or Issues – e.g. Traffic & Transport

1.06 Determine which Groups would like to form an ALLIANCE to improve the Emerald district.

1.07 Create a register of Issues that concern/interest the Emerald community.

1.08 Create a regular Forum for discussion and dissemination.

1.09 Circulate responses and submissions to the government.

1.10 Determine a consultation process for communicating with the community.

1.11 Engaging the Younger Cohort in the District.

TO BE CONTINUED..... Claude Cullino

### WHERE ARE WE IN EMERALD

Last time the photo was taken from Williams Street in South Emerald near the mosque.

The winner was Dot Radins.

I have had correct answers to most of these from Karl Stemp who you have probably seen walking around Emerald hail, rain or shine on a daily basis. He does name them but excludes himself from the winner's circle!!!!

This time we are east of Emerald and in my opinion one of our best local tracks in the area.

Entries to Dick Bartley - [dickbartley08@gmail.com](mailto:dickbartley08@gmail.com)



also hopes to be opening its new sealed car park on the day - funded by the Victorian Government.

Poppies are now out and about around our township. This year the RSL is also installing display stands in Woolies, Ritchies, the Library and The Hub.



Thanks to Christine Weller and Matt Francis for the assemblies and poppies around town. Rae Butler admires our soldiers.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022



FRIDAY 11th NOV at 10.30am  
 Cenotaph - Town Centre

After the Service –

Anzac Place 3 Memorial Ave. - 12.00pm.

- 7 Memorial Plaques To Be Unveiled.
- Honouring those who served in - Australian Conflicts After WW2 & Peacekeeping.
- Emerald RSL Official Car Park Opening.
- BBQ Luncheon at the Emerald RSL.

All Are Welcome.



The RSL looks forward to a big crowd at the Cenotaph. Emerald Primary School captains will present and the Emerald Secondary College will also be holding their service at the College. At 12pm all Emerald is invited to attend a ceremony at Anzac Place to unveil 7 plaques honouring those who fought in conflicts since WW2. The RSL

## EMERALD CITIZEN OF YEAR AWARD

Congratulations all round!

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, representatives of the Emerald Community met at the Hills Hub to celebrate the awarding of Emerald Citizen Awards of the Year.

EVA President, Dick Bartley opened the meeting and acknowledged previous winners right back to 2011. Wonderful citizens who have volunteered for the benefit of their community in many organisations from Rotary to Gemco; the Arts Society, the RSL, Lions and many more.

This year's awards were then presented by Graeme Legge (previous Council Mayor and 2021 Citizen Award winner) as follows:

**Emerald Citizen of the Year- Paul Yandle**  
 Retired (2022) Captain of the CFA. Paul has captained the Emerald CFA for 20 years and is a Life Member. His operational leadership has assisted the district in many ways including establishing the Help in the Hills organisation after the June 2021 storms.

**Emerald Young Citizen of the Year – Holly Surridge**  
 Holly has been a volunteer for the past 3 years at a local Wildlife Shelter. She is highly thought of and trains volunteers for the shelter. She is currently caring for an Emu egg!

## Emerald Citizen's Group of the Year-The Emerald and District Co-Op

The CEO and Director, Len O'Donnell told us how this not-for-profit group has been serving our district for 78 years! Their first donation in 1947 enabled construction of a Wildlife Shelter for native animals, and last year during the storms they provided generators for at-risk households. They raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital and support the Centenary Gardens at Emerald Secondary College, amongst other community programs.



L to R: Paul Yandle, Holly Surridge, Len O'Donnell, Graeme Legge and Christine Weller. Photo courtesy - Paul Bianco.

We took a break for photographs by local photographer Paul Bianco, then heard from representatives of many Emerald Community Groups on their Group's activities - The Hills Hub Connected Communities Team, Rotary, Echo, Friends of Emerald Lake Park, Emerald Bee Group, Emerald Tennis Club, Emerald U3A, RSL, Emerald Museum, finishing with the new CFA Captain Claus who asked for more volunteers.

Shelley Beardshaw

## ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

"The Kids Fun Run" is back - on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Gembrook Station. "Thomas" is sick; however, Puffing Billy Railway are assisting by providing an alternative engine to allow for the event to go ahead. Registrations are open online: [www.kidsfunrunwithpuffingbilly.org.au](http://www.kidsfunrunwithpuffingbilly.org.au) \$25 per child and train rides are \$5. Phone: 0408 769 491

Children 3-12 years will run against the train in support of the Monash Children's Hospital – Cancer Centre. Since the Run commenced in 2002, we have raised \$671,250. Sponsors this year are: Puffing Billy Railway, Wholesome Foods, Bicycle Superstore, FTG Motor Group, Emerald Mitre 10, Barry Plant Emerald, That's Right Bookkeeping and Toot Toot Toys.

We regularly work with or partner other Emerald community groups. Currently we have a project (In the planning stages) with the Men's Shed and Emerald Secondary College. Rotary secured a grant from Cardinia Shire to create a Kitchen Garden at the School and the Men's Shed have kindly offered to supply manpower to create and build planter boxes. The outcome will be a long-term sustainable garden area that can be used for the whole of the school community and will help the students understand about propagating, planting and finally preparing food from the produce that they have grown. This is designed to give them skills that might lead to employment in a few different fields.

At a recent meeting, not only did we include the Emerald Ladies Probus Club, we invited 4 younger members of our community and their parents to take part in a generation's night, with every generation up to the eighties, except for the twenties, being represented!! The Primary School children were asked what information they could find on their mobile phones – seems it replaces encyclopaedias, Melways, calculators, cameras, calendars, address books etc

Christmas is not far off so come along and see us at our next market on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November to find some gifts. The theme is "food". The popcorn and chocolate throw were popular last month. And you are always welcome to join us at either an event or meeting, held every Tuesday 6.45pm for 7pm at The Paradise Hotel to see what we do – Phone 0408 769 491

**Shalini Penny - Publicity**

## EMERALD U3A

**Enrolment Day** (for 2023 membership and classes) is **Tuesday 6th Dec**, so make yourself a note to go online that day to enrol for the new year and register your interest in courses without delay to ensure you don't miss out. If a course you want to join is full, still register so that we know how much demand there is. If it's possible, we'll find a solution. **Assisted enrolment** for those who need it will be available at the Hub from 10am to 12.30pm on the same day, in conjunction with a **Christmas-themed morning tea and music at 11:30am** from our own Musicians Sharing Group and our Choir.

Information on two exceptional new courses whet your appetite!

### 1. "Autumnal Reflections" with tutor

**Dorothy Scott AM**, a retired social worker, a Quaker and an academic who lives in Macclesfield. Her interests include the history of social reform movements, biography, and the interface of individuals' values and vocation.

Dorothy will lead six two-hour fortnightly sessions from March to May at the Emerald Cemetery, Macclesfield Road, Avonsleigh. This experience is bound to enhance participants appreciation of local history and gain a new perspective of, and connection to the Emerald Cemetery. She will reflect on lives well lived and how they speak to us about our own lives; and explore the diverse ways in which we commemorate those who have died.

### 2. "The Art of Storytelling" with guest tutor

**Jim Brown**, a former schoolteacher and Police Officer who became a journalist working in commercial television in Melbourne. Among many assignments, he covered the Lindy Chamberlain trial and the fall of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines. As a filmmaker he produced two TV award winning documentaries on the lives of Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson. He has trained business executives in media and taught journalism to post graduates at RMIT.

Jim will provide an overview of storytelling; teach creative writing, printing and publishing; performance techniques for live story-telling; and simple recording tips for preserving the stories of others. Participants will finish the course by creating and sharing a story of their own - an opportunity to express themselves, and also hear (and be inspired by) the stories of others.

**Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity**

## EMERALD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION INC. - AGM

Professor Michael Buxton (renowned local Environmentalist and Planner) will be a guest Speaker at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Hub at 7.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Professor Michael Buxton joined RMIT in 1998 after 12 years in senior management with Victorian Government Planning and Environment agencies, and with the Victorian Environment Protection Authority. He formerly headed the intergovernmental process for developing Australia's National Greenhouse Strategy, and the group responsible for the development and implementation of environmental policy in Victoria. He was a Councilor and Mayor of the Sherbrooke Shire and was a member of the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority for six years.



[Michael Buxton](#)

Michael Buxton has contributed extensively to government policy and maintains strong industry and professional connections. He is former chairperson Premier's Green Wedge Working Party which advised the Victorian government on the introduction of a legislated urban growth boundary and revised green wedge zones for Melbourne's green belt; former member of the Melbourne 2030 Implementation Reference Group; and has been a member of many government committees.

**Trevor Budge - EVA Committee**

## EMERALD MENS SHED

Saturday 19 November 2022 is International Men's Day and to support men within the Hills, the Emerald Men's Shed is hosting a Sausage Sizzle. We invite men to come to our workshop to talk about what a Men's Shed is, what we do and enjoy a Sausage/Coffee/Tea. (Men's Shed Workshop – Hills Hub – corner of Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd and Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald).

**Tom Connolly - Men's Shed**

## CARDINIA COUNCIL NEWS

### Hills Hub

The Hills Hub continues to be a busy bustling building. The Connected Communities team continually welcomes new users to the venue and would like to acknowledge the amazing assistance from the Hub Host volunteers. The hosts play an important role in making the hub a welcoming and lively place to be. We would like to thank the EVA for letting us take part in the Annual Citizen of the Year Award night and look forward to seeing the Come Sit By Me project over the coming weeks.

### Woorilla Poetry Prize

We are excited to have the Woorilla Poetry Prize event return to the hub on Sunday 20 November, 2pm – 5pm. This FREE event will feature live performances, raffles, readings and much more. To secure your free ticket, head to [www.woorilla.org.au/](http://www.woorilla.org.au/)



### Arts at the Hub

Over the Melbourne Cup weekend the Emerald Arts Society held their wonderful Annual Art Exhibition. With over 130 artworks on display showcasing the talents of many local artists, the exhibition really had something for everyone. Emerald Secondary College will also be holding an exhibition at Hills Hub Arts and Performance Space towards the end of the year. Visit [www.whatsoncardinia.com.au](http://www.whatsoncardinia.com.au) to find out more!

## Australia Day Awards – Final Chance to Nominate

Do you know a citizen, young citizen or senior citizen who makes a big contribution to our community? Or maybe you know of a fantastic local event that deserves recognition? This is your chance to nominate someone who makes an important contribution to our local community or a community group who held an outstanding event onsite or virtually between 1 November 2021 and 1 November 2022 that deserves recognition. Show your appreciation by nominating the person or event for an Australia Day Award! Nominations close **Sunday 13 November**. To nominate visit <https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiadayawards>

### Storm Recovery Team

Did you know Council has a Storm Recovery team to assist any residents and businesses impacted by the 2021 storm events?

You can speak to them for all your questions and needs and find out what support services are available to you.

The Recovery Team is available by phone or email from Monday to Friday during business hours. Call 1300 787 624 or email [recovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:recovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

### Listen to the Sounds of the Morning Forest

Come along and immerse yourself in the Sounds of the Morning Forest. Listen to the birds, frogs, kangaroos and the whispering of the trees. Stop, listen and breathe as you engage in quiet contemplation and connect to nature.

This guided soundscape activity will be followed by Geoff Lockwood from Southern Fauna Resources talking us through what birds and other wildlife we may have heard.

**Date:** Friday 2 December

**Time:** 8-10am

**Location:** - RJ Chambers Reserve, Upper Pakenham

Please wear covered shoes and bring your own seat and thermos of hot drink.

To book your FREE spot email Susie Wickes, Recovery Officer, Cardinia Shire [ons.wickes@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:ons.wickes@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

**Hannah Milne - Shire Community Development Facilitator**

## EVA SPONSORS

The EVA will profile each month some of the valued sponsors that make a financial contribution to help the EVA exist.

This month we feature Emerald Village Meats.

*"We are a family owned and operated, independent Retail Butcher Shop.*

*Alan & Joy are a local family who have operated Emerald Village Meats for 15 years, and our butchers have a combined 70+ years of experience in small shops.*



*We source as much of our product as locally as we can, we choose to offer Gippsland Free Range, Grass Fed Beef and Lamb, our pork is guaranteed Free Range Limestone Pork.*

*We carry Chemical Free and Free Range Chicken from La Ionica Poultry. All our Christmas Turkey products are Victorian Free Range turkeys. We offer a small selection of Fresh Fish every Wednesday – we can take orders for oysters, prawns and anything else you might be looking for.*

*We carry a range of Ham, Bacon and Smallgoods from a medal winning Smokehouse, and also a range of smallgoods from larger manufacturers.*

*We stock a small range of condiments and sauces, again from small suppliers, not available in supermarkets.*

*All our sausages are made on the premises, and all varieties are Gluten Free, and we use fresh, lean meats in the production of all our sausage products. We offer our BBQ every Saturday – we donate the sausages you cook and gas you use -for local Community Groups to use to fundraise and raise local awareness of their organisations.*

*Over our years of operation, we have offered many local teenagers the opportunity to start their working journey in a local business close to home.*

*For all your quality, Australian, Free Range Ham, Turkey, Beef, Lamb and Pork, come and see us in store. Taking Christmas Orders now.*

*Located at 4/344 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald. Next to IGA and NAB Bank.*

*Alan Mills - 5968 5354"*

## **COME SIT BY ME**

### **Emerald's Intergenerational Project - Happening now...**

When is it?  
Weekly on Thursday's from November 10<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at the Hills Hub in Emerald, with a Celebration on our last day.  
Our session starts at 2.15pm on Thursday for an hour.

What is happening?  
On those days all the Grade 3s from Emerald Primary walk down from school with their teachers.  
The children have previously chosen a hobby or project group they would like to be in, with about 8 students in each group. They scatter throughout the wonderful HUB, upstairs and down, learning a new hobby or skill.  
We pack up and store unfinished projects in a Storeroom at the Hub for the next week.

Currently we have wonderful Leaders and volunteers for a Weaving Group, a Knitting Group, an Origami Group, a Woodwork and Bicycle Maintenance Group (in the Men's Shed). And a Cooking Group and a Table Tennis /PickleBall Sports Group! In another table is a card and board games group. We have a singing /choir group to serenade us too.

Volunteers are still very welcome to join us...  
They will need to have a current Working with Children Card (we can help you apply for this) and be members of the Emerald Village Association (membership is free) for Insurance purposes.

That's about it in a Nutshell.  
Interested? Love to hear from you.  
We are really excited to be bringing the Elders and Juniors of the Community together and passing on some skills and joy.

**Shelley Beardshaw - Volunteer**

## **FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK**

Friends of Emerald Lake Park are celebrating twentyone years of volunteering in the gardens and bushland of Emerald Lake Park. We are calling on former members to contact us at [friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com) to attend the celebration on Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11:30 am in the Emerald Lake Park Cafe Tearooms.

Looking to volunteer in 2023? - Come to our "Meet and Greet" on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 10:30am to meet members and find out more. Meet near the paddle boats. Check out our new website [www.felp.com.au](http://www.felp.com.au)

**Sheila Hampson - President**

## Australian Fire Danger Rating System.

The CFA advises as follows:

From September, you will see the new fire danger rating system.

The 4 levels in the new system are:

**Moderate:** Plan and prepare.

**High:** Be ready to act.

**Extreme:** Take action now to protect your life and property.

**Catastrophic:** For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

Fire danger ratings will be issued on days where there is a fire risk.

You can check your daily fire danger for your area on the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au).

**Remember leaving early is the safest option to protect yourself and your family.**

### Summer Preparedness

Before summer it is important that you prepare your property and decide when you will leave and where you will go on hot, dry, windy days when the risk of a fire starting is increased. This includes having a plan for your animals and pets.

To better understand how to prepare your property visit

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property>.

### 10 important decisions to make with your family before summer

Which Fire Danger Rating is your trigger to leave? Will you leave early that morning or the night before?

Where will you go? What will you take with you?

What route will you take and what is your backup route if a fire is already in the area?

What are you going to do with your pets or livestock?

Who else do you need to talk to about where you are going?

What will you do if all members of your household are not home?

How will you stay informed about warnings and updates?

What will you do if there is a fire in the area and you cannot leave?

What will you do if your household is not together when your trigger is reached?

Additional information regarding summer preparedness can be found on the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au).

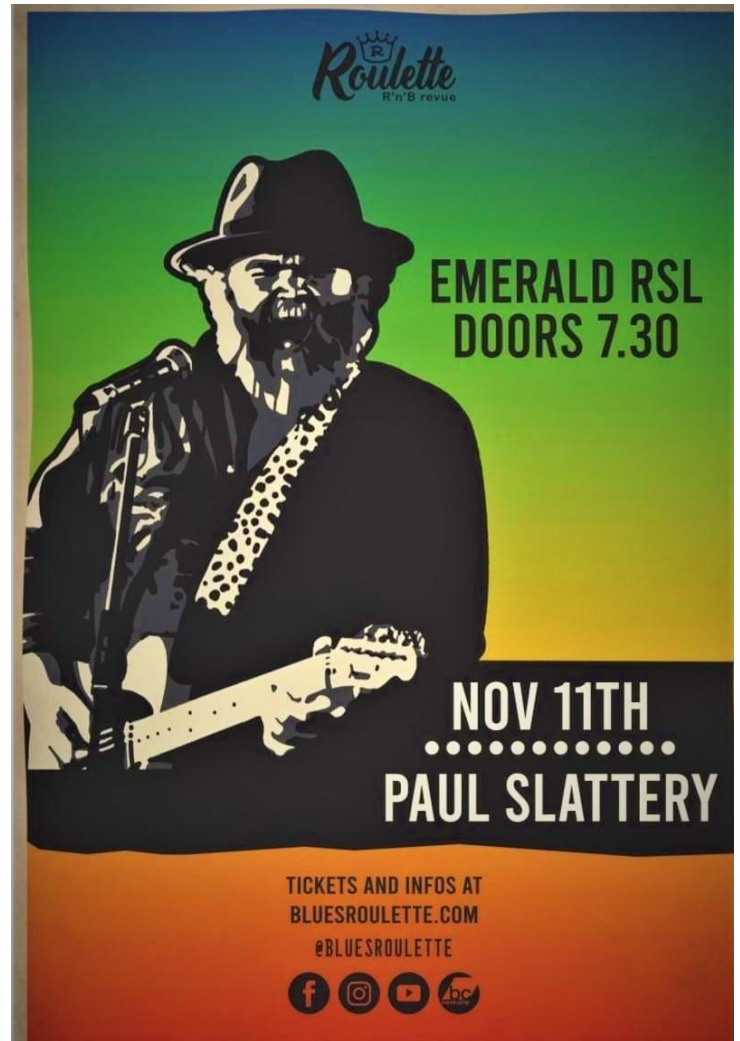
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**Emerald CFA**

## ROCKIN AT THE "R"

The Emerald RSL has live music every second week on a Friday night.

This Friday 11th November blues legend Paul Slattery takes the stage.



## EMERALD ARTS SOCIETY

The 2022 Emerald Arts Society Annual Arts Exhibition was officially opened by Councillor Jack Kowarzik on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October at The Emerald Hills Hub with over 100 people attending the event opening.

We had over 230 art works on show with 75 Next Gen works. President Glenn Hambleton says the Next Gen category is extremely important to the art society as it gives young artists an opportunity to show off their creativity and be part of the arts community. Having the exhibition showcased at The Hills Hub in Emerald for the first time has

been great as we were able to take the exhibition to a more professional level and it allows the public to visit the community centre. The exhibition was open from Friday to Tuesday, and we were very pleased to welcome hundreds of visitors who came to the exhibition, and many were also sold. We would also like to thank all of our fantastic sponsors and the Cardinia Shire and arts Team for their great support.



Award winners

We had the great pleasure of holding the inaugural June Barnett Still Life Prize which was kindly sponsored by the Dudley Family

Karen Bloomfield won best in show with her painting “Buoyant”

Ava Griffin won the Next Gen Best in Show for her fabulous work “Where the sky touches the Sky “

Chris Britton Won the June Barnett Still life best in show for her painting Bishop of Landaff

Congratulations to all the other prize winners and to everyone that entered, and we look forward to seeing you all enter again in 2023.

**Glenn Hambleton - President**

## **COCKATOO & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB**

### **VISITORS WELCOME**

Cockatoo and District Bowls Club is currently looking for new members to join our friendly club.

Come down and try out our Friday night Barefoot Bowls. Enjoy a social night or make it a competition between friends. Daylight savings hours. Starts at 6pm.

Suitable for all ages, fitness levels and a non-contact sport.

Our Members are happy to provide some helpful hints and guidance.



Enjoy our facilities, bring your own take away dinner and utilise our bar service for drinks, non alcoholic drinks also available.

Contact us with any enquiries M 0483 842 992

Email - [cockatooBowlsclub@outlook.com](mailto:cockatooBowlsclub@outlook.com)

## **EMERALD EVERGREENS SENIOR CITIZENS**

In the last month, the Seniors Club held the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and successfully recruited 3 new Committee members to replace 3 outgoing members, who have served us well over many years. They have come with new and fresh ideas for day trips, and activities which we will undertake in the New Year.

Some local residents, who have ties with their Ukrainian heritage, have recently hired the Club for a day of festivity, fun and enjoyment to raise funds to assist their Ukrainian family and friends who are suffering in their homeland. It was a day full of laughter and merriment, while enjoying a Ukrainian food feast, national music, a huge raffle, and meeting others with a similar background. A very successful day was enjoyed by the many people who attended, and was a financial success to aid their cause.

35 members of the Club travelled to Lyndhurst Hotel by coach to enjoy an “Elvis Presley Tribute Show”, where we enjoyed a delicious Devonshire Morning tea, which was “yummy”, followed by a 1 hour show of traditional Elvis songs accompanied by the Elvis “hip swinging moves”.

A Carvery lunch was then enjoyed by all, providing a choice of every food item available, and not to

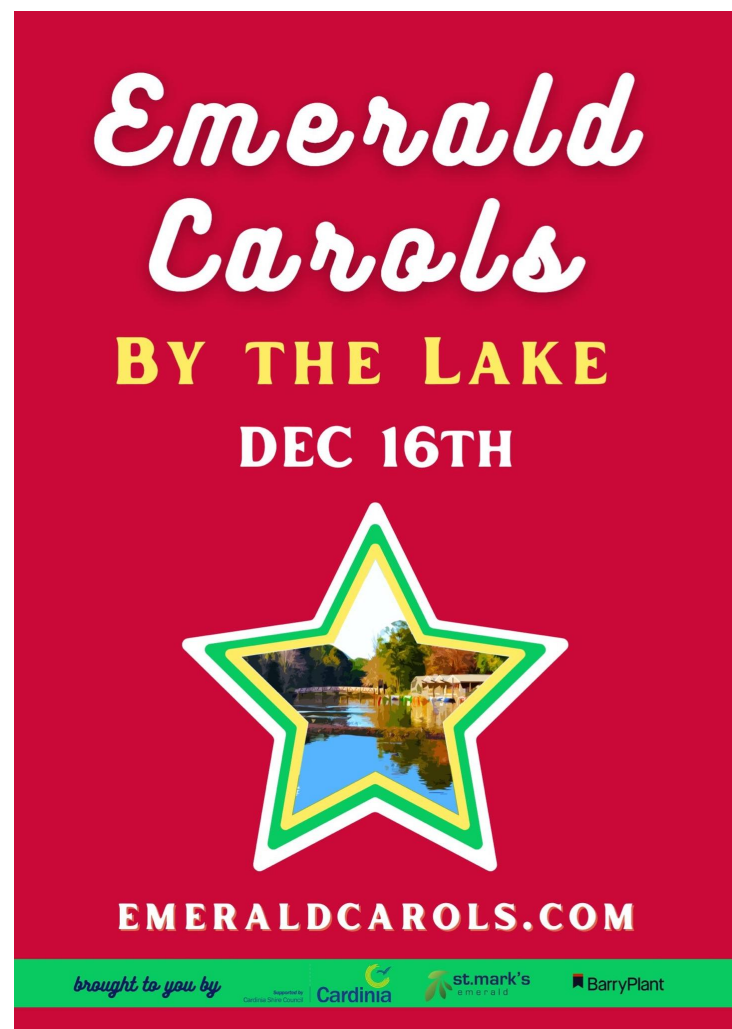


mention the dessert options!! A terrific fun filled day. Contact Chris Borg for Membership enquiries. M. 0409 142 364  
E-mail: [christine.borg7@bigpond.com](mailto:christine.borg7@bigpond.com)

**Christine Borg - Secretary**

## CAROLS BY THE LAKE

Our Emerald Carols event is back on site this year! This is a community focused event for the whole family. Carols will be led by the talented Cardinia Civic Concert Band, and there will be entertainment from other amazing local artists. Join us from 6pm for the community picnic, with the carols starting at 8pm. More information at: [www.emeraldcarols.com](http://www.emeraldcarols.com)



The poster features a red background with the text "Emerald Carols" in a large, white, cursive font, "BY THE LAKE" in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font, and "DEC 16TH" in a white, sans-serif font. Below the text is a large, multi-colored star (green, yellow, and white outlines) containing a photograph of a lake with a building and trees reflected in the water. At the bottom, the website "EMERALDCAROLS.COM" is written in white. A green banner at the very bottom contains logos for "brought to you by" (with a small logo), "Cardinia" (with a small logo), "st.mark's emerald" (with a small logo), and "BarryPlant".

**Vivianne Diaz - St Marks**

## EMERALD REGIONAL BEEKEEPERS

The Emerald Regional Beekeepers met again on October 11th at the Hills Hub, and it was a hive of activity! Many hive and bee management ideas were discussed including how to pack and use a smoker when inspecting bee hives, how to lure and look after a swarm, how to inspect a bee hive in Spring (after the long winter), where honey can

be sold to the local community, what is flowering right now, and we even discussed ideas on why a happy hive just up and left a perfectly good home!

There were new members to the club, founding members of the club and "friends of" club members and this all led to a stimulating discussion about what is happening in everyone's bee hives - it is amazing how the honey supply is so varied in the Emerald region.



A swarm of bees



New members are welcome at any time. We offer friendly sounding boards, links to knowledgeable people, books and equipment loan to members, and occasionally guest speakers. Next month we will hear from Agriculture Victoria's famous apiary inspector who will give us all a Varroa update and a guide into registering and recording hive observations. There will be some excursions coming up for club members to visit other people's bee hives and we're even looking at comparing

different types of hive constructions and components.

To join, come along to the Hills Hub as a guest on the first Tuesday of the month @7:30PM or message ERBK using the Facebook messenger app or email [emeraldregionalbeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldregionalbeekeepers@gmail.com). For help with local swarms (typical for this time of year) please call the swarm hotline 0491 715 840 and we will very likely have a member volunteer to help you out!

**Bronwyn Koll - Emerald Beekeepers**

## EMERALD SCOUTS



**1ST EMERALD SCOUT GROUP**  
21 Kilvington Dr, Emerald

# CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

December weekends  
9am - 1pm

3rd/4th  
10th/11th  
17th/18th



## EMERALD CEMETERY - Update

The Emerald Cemetery has bought more land alongside the existing cemetery. At the moment the front gate is closed and a temporary entrance has been made and is very accessible. The work will be finished by December 31st. New widening of entrance, drainage and a new sliding gate which will incorporate the old gates into it. The new entrance will be more accessible for hearses entering and turning from the Macclesfield side of the road.

## EMERALD LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Members of the Emerald Ladies Probus Club recently visited the Puffing Billy Railway Lakeside Visitor Centre at Emerald Lake Park. After having lunch in the Railway Café one of our members, who is a Puffing Billy volunteer, guided us through the Great Hall. This area in the Centre provides a wonderful history of the Puffing Billy Railway, and its first ever locomotive 3A, along with an interesting display of historic steam artefacts.



If you're a retired, or semi-retired lady we welcome you to come along to one of our meetings to find out about similar outings and maybe consider joining our club. Meetings are held at the Emerald RSL on the third Monday of each month (except December) at 10am. Our club is non-fundraising and purely a social outlet to have fun with like-minded people.

Our next meeting is Monday 21 November when our guest speaker will be Belinda Berry. Belinda is a driver of our iconic Melbourne trams and will tell us about her experiences from the driver's seat. We welcome you to come along and meet our members, enjoy some morning tea, and listen to our guest speaker. Enquiries: Linda McIvor Email [ladiespce123@gmail.com](mailto:ladiespce123@gmail.com)

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