

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Emerald Village Association Inc. operates in Emerald, Eastern Dandenong Ranges. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

At our recent meeting which was held in the Hills Hub on Wednesday 22nd the community had an opportunity to have input into the redevelopment of the town's major playground and surrounding area near the Emerald Puffing Billy station.

Attendees were asked what facilities they would like to be included. A full report is included in this newsletter and will be on our web page. The current playground is on crown land under Puffing Billy authority but licensed by PB to the Shire of Cardinia for public use. The shire has allocated some funding for planning and will be responsible for this project. The upgrading of the town's playground has been identified as a major need by EVA.

One of the main functions of the EVA is to review planning decisions that will affect our town. A current project to build a Medical Centre at 337 Belgrave-Gembrook Road has been discussed and a response forwarded to the Shire. See separate report in this newsletter.

At our next meeting in March, which will be a committee meeting, we will be discussing the town's emergency plan. You are most welcome to attend.

WHERE ARE WE IN EMERALD?



Many folks (Alan Johnston was first) located the legs in St Mark's car park but no one, even the workers at the opp shop, have claimed ownership!

Frankly it is not difficult finding beautiful aspects of our town and surrounding regions and this one is no exception.

Entries to dickbartley08@gmail.com

A Big Thankyou

Recently, we had a tragedy at the Emerald Tennis Club, of which I am a member.

One of our members unfortunately collapsed and died on the tennis court. As a player myself on that day we started CPR and used the AED (Defibrillator) until the ambulance arrived. Everyone worked on the patient for over an hour but were not able to revive him. Many thanks to all the ambulance crew, local fire brigade, the police and members of the public who all worked together. A rep from the football club also erected a shade over the patient. The community effort by so many was outstanding. Thanks!

Dick Bartley - President EVA

EVA COMMUNITY MEETING

Movement on Emerald's Favourite Town Park - Puffing Billy Reserve

Our favourite park in the centre of Town is looking tired and overused. The seating is sparse and a lot is not shaded. No drinking water is available. The children have mastered the old equipment and spend large amounts of time exploring the bushes surrounding a collection of old sheds. The park needs to be re-developed as part of a whole Precinct plan.

Some of the comments we received at our Community meeting on 23rd February are outlined in a later report in this Newsletter.

About 30 members of the community met and in table groups answered questions about the current use of the Park and our ideas for the future. We represented the wider Community with members of local Service Groups, the CEO of Puffing Billy, Peter Abbott, Town Businesses and our local Councillor being present.

Peter Abbott spoke to the Puffing Billy Park and Station as the heart of Emerald, with the Station being the only original building on the Line. He stated the decision not to stop in Emerald was not permanent, but constrained by critical shortages of staff which has changed the business model. There are problems with vandalism. There are plans to move the Station workshop to the Turntable area and open the park precinct up.

All the ideas presented were then collated and in a separate article in this Newsletter, Trevor Budge, the Leader of our Planning Committee gives you a fuller picture of the answers received to our questions. We continue to seek feedback from the Community as to a way forward. The Council has allocated an amount to help proceed with plans.

Cardinia Councillor Jeff Springfield then spoke to the "Sealing the Hills" Roads project, introduced Council Advocacy Staff and told us that both Cardinia Council and Yarra Ranges are lobbying the Federal Government prior to the next Budget to reinstate funding for more road sealing. An on-line petition put together by the Cockatoo Action Group can be signed by interested Ratepayers. It can be accessed by following this link:

<https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN4785>

Shelley Beardshaw - EVA Committee

ROCKIN AT THE "R"

The Emerald RSL has live music every month on a Friday night. All are welcome. Great music at a great price - \$20. Starts 7.30. Drinks at bar prices. Orders taken for pizzas during the evening.

Wool Street Duo
Playing the hits of the
60's, 70's & 80's

BELL REAL ESTATE
auritos Pizza • Pasta • Café
MITRE 10
PEDDERS SUSPENSION & BRAKES
Cellarbrations Helping you celebrate
YOUNG HENRIS SERVE THE PEOPLE

APPEARING - Emerald RSL, 3 Memorial Ave. Emerald.

Friday Night - March 31st 2023

30 pm till 10.30 pm. Mobile Contact - 0411 675 513. Admission - \$20.00

ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

They say variety is the spice of life. Emerald Rotary is certainly shaking things up commencing with our February market attracting new stallholders – one bringing their pet white cockatoo and bee hives. I can't wait to see what the March market on 11th March has on offer over the Holiday weekend.

On Saturday 18th March our members are volunteering our services at the Holland Festival, open from 10am – 6pm at Akoonah Park, Berwick. It should be a fun and interesting day and will help to raise funds to plough back into our community.

The following day, Sunday 19th March we are joining forces with Johns Hill Landcare Group for a Clean Up Australia project at Hogan Park (next to the Scout Hall). Everyone is welcome to join us. Registration is at Emerald Scout Centre, 21 Kilvington Drive, Emerald 10.00 -12.30pm with a BBQ lunch afterwards. BYO water bottle, hat, sunscreen and wear sturdy boots and long sleeved shirts. Gloves, hi-vis vests and rubbish bags will be provided.



Jenny Lyndon – President Johns Hill Landcare Group, Jeff Latter – Vice President JHLG & Scouts Leader, Marcus Adams – President Rotary & Dist, Vicki Van Den Bergen – Chair Emerald Rotary's Environment & Sustainability Group.

We are looking forward to our "Pride of Workmanship 2023" event being held on Tuesday 28th March at the Puffing Billy Lakeside Centre with an ever increasing number of companies being represented to recognise their outstanding employees.

Applications are now coming in for the 2023 Debutante Ball scheduled for Saturday 10th June at Cathies Lane Receptions, Cathies Lane, Wantirna. To find out more visit the Rotary website: www.emeraldrotary.org.au Phone Lyn Beckwith 0419 324 409 or Shalini Penny 0417 038 707 Email: emeraldrotary3782@gmail.com

Applications for a "Rotary MacLeod Murphy Memorial Fund Scholarship" (to receive \$1000 per year per person) close on 27th April 2023. Students residing in Emerald and surrounding districts who are starting to study Medicine, Nursing Pharmacy, Medical Science or related fields can apply. Written applications should be

sent to: The Vocational Chair, Rotary Club of Emerald & District, PO Box 46, Emerald 3782. For more information contact Susi Wilson 0415 228 423. Email: detmoldemerald@gmail.com

Finally, apologies to Ferntree Gully Nissan who continue to support our events and I was remiss in not mentioning them in our February EVA contribution, that they sponsored the 7-8 year olds run in last December's Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy.

As always, you are 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

The month of February was a great start to the year for U3A. Since 5th December our membership has increased by 49 and now totals 350. There has also been very welcome participation from some of these new members who have initiated new courses as well!

A second assisted enrollment morning on 30th January was well attended, with many people coming along just for a chat and a catch-up.

There was a demonstration of *Walking Football* at Worrell Reserve on 1st March. As I write, seven people have registered and we hope for more. It's on weekly; Wednesday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30 and our first game, however small, will be on the 8th March.

Town Planning 101 is a new short course of two sessions only on 28th April and 12th May from 1pm to 3pm

Another activity still being organised, but coming soon, is *Lawn Bowls* at the Cockatoo Bowling Club. Look out for it on our website u3aemerald.org.au.

Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity

EVA PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

EVA Inc. lodges an Objection with Council about a Planning Permit Application.

Through its President as an Incorporated body, the EVA has lodged an objection to planning permit application T220285, which has been submitted to Cardinia Shire Council to construct a \$5m medical centre at 337 Belgrave–Gembrook Road with provision for 13 medical practitioners and 43 car parking spaces all accessed from Madigan Way. The objection is quite detailed but essentially states that

- 1) the development is not consistent with the orderly development, design and scale of Emerald
- 2) that it will block views over rural land to the north which is an important element of Emerald's character
- 3) that the building is too high
- 4) that it should be setback further from the road
- 5) that Madigan Way is not suitable to carry this level of traffic given its narrow width and the limited access where it joins with Ferres Road and with the Emerald–Monbulk Road. The EVA is waiting to hear the Council's decision on the application.

Trevor Budge - EVA Planning Officer

CARDINIA COUNCIL NEWS

Hills Hub

The Hub continues to be open to the public Monday-Friday, 10am to 1pm. We are excited to launch *Booking Cardinia*, our online booking request system. You can now check availability for spaces at our halls and hubs and send an instant booking request. For more details see the link below.

cardinia.vic.gov.au/bookingcardiniasite

The Hills Photographic Society will soon be holding their annual exhibition in the arts space at Hills Hub. The group consists of 30 enthusiastic photographers, ranging from amateur to professional, who meet regularly to develop their creative skills.

This exhibition will be available to see from Monday 20 March until Friday 14 April. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for more information and updates.

Don't forget the *PRISM* art exhibition closes Friday March 10th.

Jess Nichols - Connected Communities Liaison Officer

EASTERN DANDENONG RANGES ASSOCIATION

LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS FREE EXPO & TRIVIA NIGHT – SATURDAY 20TH MAY 2023 AT THE HILLS HUB, EMERALD

The Eastern Dandenong Ranges Association (EDRA) recognises the vital role & services our community groups provide in the local community and the limited opportunity available to showcase our groups and to help attract volunteers.

In support of our Community Groups & to build stronger connections between our local community networks, EDRA received a 2022-2023 Cardinia Council Festival & Event Grant to hold a Community Groups Expo and a Trivia Night during National Volunteer Week in May 2023.

COMMUNITY GROUPS EXPO – 10AM TO 4PM, SAT 20TH MAY

The aim of the Expo is:

- to provide a platform for our local community groups, clubs & associations to exhibit, promote, create awareness & showcase their services & products to the public
- to provide an opportunity to attract new volunteers
- for the local community (general public) to see and learn more about the variety and types of groups & local volunteering opportunities available.

FREE TRIVIA NIGHT – 7PM TO 10PM, SAT 20TH MAY

The Trivia Night is open to all Community Groups that exhibit at the Expo.

The aim is to celebrate, reward & acknowledge the services our community groups provide in the local community, to enjoy each other's company, and to have lots of fun and laughs.

The Trivia night, including finger food/canape style dinner & prizes is free. You will only need to pay for your drinks.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Hills Hub can accommodate up to 25 groups to exhibit at the Expo and applications will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. The number of volunteers per group able to attend the Trivia Night will depend on the number of groups that exhibit at the Expo. Our aim is to accommodate as many groups as possible.

If your group would like to take part, please complete the online Expression of Interest by 24th March 2023.

<https://edrbt.wufoo.com/forms/community-groups-expo-trivia-night/>

For any additional information or queries please mail to ask@edra.com.au or call Lynne Trensky on 0491 471 990.

Lynne Trensky - EDRA

EMERALD LADIES PROBUS CLUB

There are many social benefits to being an Emerald Ladies Probus member. Not only do you meet new friends but you also stay active, physically and mentally. Probus is all about enhancing your retirement by spending time with retired, or semi-retired, ladies enjoying the fun and friendship that Probus has to offer.



Last month's guest speaker, Sue Walters from the Emerald Library, with our President, Anne Simpson.

Each month our club offers interesting guest speakers and the opportunity to take part in our activities and outings. There's also a welcoming morning tea and plenty to chat about. We are a non-fundraising social outlet where you can have fun with like-minded people.

Our meetings are held at the Emerald RSL on the third Monday of each month (except December) at 10am.

Our next meeting on Monday 20th March is our AGM when we will elect our committee for the 2023/24 year. We won't have a guest speaker at this meeting but we still welcome you to come along as a visitor to meet our members, enjoy some morning tea and consider joining our club.

Linda McIvor - Ladies Probus

Email: ladiespce123@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK

Thanks to all the community members who supported our successful BBQ outside the Emerald Village Butcher last Saturday. Many thanks to Alan and staff for the on-going support to the community.

The working bees in March will be our **Sycamore Blitz** concentrating on the removal of small seedlings and juveniles. No experience needed. Bring gloves, hat and water bottle. Meet at Lakeside car park and follow the signs and flags.

Dates: 4th, 12th and 16th March

Time: 9-11am

Meet: Lakeside car park, follow signs

Contact: friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com
Morning tea provided.

Sheila Hampson

President - Friends of Emerald Lake Park

GEMCO PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATRE

Much Ado About Nothing



Showing now at Gemco Theatre (not Emerald Lake Park as originally planned).

Book here: [Much Ado About Nothing](#)

Take Ten - Actors and Directors

March 11th 1-3pm

Contact: [Take Ten sub-committee](#)

CARDINIA COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications are now open for the following Cardinia Shire Council grant programs:

Wellbeing Support Grant Program

The Wellbeing Support Grants Program helps to establish new organisations, projects and services. It also funds initiatives that improve residents' health and wellbeing, support opportunities for volunteering, as well as those which help to build the capacity of community groups, projects and programs to be sustainable.

Wellbeing Support Grants Program funding categories are:

- **Seeding grants** of up to \$5,000 to support the cost of starting a new organisation, group, club, program, project or service.
- **Volunteering grants** of up to \$3,000 to help create volunteering programs, train volunteers or promote volunteering opportunities.
- **Small change grants** of up to \$1,000 to assist with a range of ad hoc costs that cannot be met through other funding sources, such as buying small items of equipment, website redevelopment, Christmas decorations and more.

Please contact me for further information.

Community Capital Works Grant Program

The Community Capital Works Grants Program assists community groups to improve community and recreational facilities, in order to support community networks and enhance community wellbeing.

Please contact the Connected Communities Team <mailto:atccwg@cardinia.vic.gov.au> or 1300 787 624

Applications for both grant programs close 5pm, Friday 31 March 2023.

To apply, visit

<https://cardinia.smartygrants.com.au/>

Kym Ockerby - Community Development Officer

PUFFING BILLY PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

Summary of responses, comments, and ideas.

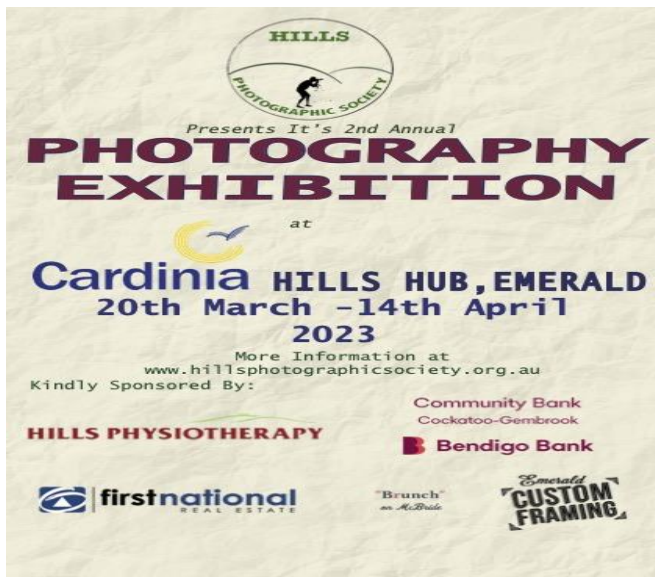
- The PB Playground and Park are extensively used by different age groups for a wide range of purposes particularly taking children / grandchildren to the playground and for friends / relatives as a gathering space.
- Despite the ageing facilities, limited maintenance, and problems such as limited seating and tables, inadequate shade and concerns about ground surfaces, lack of water/drinking fountain, the toilet, and overall poor presentation, the facility is highly valued as Emerald's major community meeting place.
- People visiting the park regularly buy food and coffee from the shops, highly value the presence of puffing billy, want to see puffing billy stop at Emerald and have strong views that the playground and park are in urgent need of modernisation with up-to-date equipment and facilities.
- There is widespread support for the planning of the park and playground improvements to be the first stage of a comprehensive plan to be prepared for the whole

precinct, integrating the playground and park with the station area.

- There is a wide range of views and ideas of what should be included in a new playground and park with the whole area designed as an integrated space for the community and visitors. Overall, the ideas and imaginative thoughts that people expressed emphasised aspects such as; making the whole space more usable, the play equipment being modern and more challenging/ safer for children, facilities that will provide greater comfort, encourage people to stay longer, celebrate Emerald as a community and village and that people can have greater pride in.

Trevor Budge - EVA Planning

HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY



WHAT'S NEW IN EMERALD AND SURROUNDS?

A new feature in the Newsletter is to introduce those people who have taken the big leap to set up business to make a difference in our vicinity.

1. Cork at Cooks Corner, Kallista



An iconic establishment in Kallista now renewed and back in business. Great place for lunch. Fully licensed. [Cork at Cooks Corner](#)

2. Rosa & Beau Flowers

Rosa & Beau established in Emerald late last year. They promptly put up their hand to be a sponsor of the EVA. Here is their message to Emerald.



Our names are Julie and Kiah and we are a Mother and Son team who opened a Florist business in Emerald six months ago, Rosa And Beau Flowers.

The beautiful community of Emerald has given us a very warm welcome, embracing us with open arms, and we wanted to say a big Thankyou! We are still so excited and deeply grateful for all of the positive support.

We offer all aspects of traditional personalised Floristry service: from daily deliveries to weddings and events. We offer tailored solutions for funerals, celebrations, weddings, events, gifts, or simply choosing a single flower or two from our Flower Bar!

Our hope is to become an integral part of the Emerald community for years to come. We are amazed that six months in we are still meeting new people and often seeing familiar friendly faces - so Thank You so much for such a warm welcome while we begin our journey, and please come and visit us opposite The Hub and say Hello!

Feel free to give us a call on 7067 9860 or visit our website

<https://www.rosaandbeauflowers.com/>

Julie and Kiah Morgan of Rosa And Beau Flowers.

3. Mindful AF

Amy Star, Director of Mindful AF, also jumped on board as a sponsor of the EVA last year. Here is her latest news.



The graphic features a background image of a yoga studio with mats and bolsters. Overlaid text includes 'Mindful AF' in a gold script font, 'FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP' in white block letters, and a large white circle containing '\$36*' with 'PER WEEK' below it. A grey pill-shaped button says 'Unlimited classes'. At the bottom left, a yellow button says 'DOWNLOAD THE MINDFUL AF APP TO BOOK YOUR CLASS'. At the bottom right, a white pill-shaped button contains location and contact info: 'Studio: 3/333 Belgrave Gembrook Road, Emerald 0473 567 056' and social media handles '@mindfulafemerald'.

Hi Everyone,
We have a wonderful and VERY affordable foundation membership I am about to release. It's \$36 a week unlimited yoga and mindfulness classes.

I am heavily discounting this in an effort to encourage more people to remember that mental health is essential.

Cheers,

Amy

Editor's Note: I would love to receive submissions to this segment for the April edition. evanews3782@gmail.com

CARDINIA - COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS

Applications will open on Monday 30 January at 9am for the 2023/2024 Festival and Events grant round and close 5pm on Friday 31 March.

Festival and events grants support a comprehensive and diverse mix of festivals and events so that all members of the community have access to and may participate in activities that reflect and celebrate local identity, interests and diversity.

Funding up to \$10,000 is available. Allocations are for one financial year and not recurrent.

Please note if you have received funding in previous rounds, you will need to apply again as the money does not rollover each year.

Festival and events aim to:

- increase the vibrancy and cohesiveness of a community
- meet the diverse and changing interests of a community
- positively promote the host community
- provide an opportunity for fun and enjoyment
- recognise and profile local artists and/or community members who make a substantial contribution to their community
- provide opportunities for skill development through organisation and/or participation
- lead to economic benefits for local businesses and increased employment
- lead to the development of partnerships between community groups, local businesses, government and other agencies.

Key dates:

Grant opens: Monday 30 January

Grant closes: Friday 31 March

Assessment of applications: April to May 20

Recommendations considered by Council: June 2

Applicants notified: July 2023.

To apply for a festival and events grant, please follow these steps

1. Check the eligibility criteria to ensure your organisation is able to apply 2. Read the grant guidelines and assessment criteria so you know what our selection panel is looking for in your application 3. Speak to the Festival and Events Officer prior to submitting an application or if you require assistance. Contact 1300 787 624 or email

events@cardinia.vic.gov.au 4. Submit your application on [Smartygrants:https://cardinia.smartygrants.com.au](https://cardinia.smartygrants.com.au)

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me?

Bec Whiteman - Festival and Events Officer

ECHO YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Eastern Hills Community Engagement Project starting soon!

With support from Cardinia Shire Council through the Wellbeing Support Grant Program, ECHO is conducting research between March and May to understand current needs, values and aspirations of the Eastern Hills community. We want to learn about what matters to the people living in the Hills, what is going well, what can be improved, and ways that ECHO and other community organisations can support community wellbeing. Through the engagement process we aim to empower individuals and groups to have their voices heard and strengthen community belonging and connection. We will be sharing our findings widely and producing reports that will support advocacy and fundraising efforts for local Eastern Hills organisations and groups.

What are we doing?

1. Stakeholder Consultation – March and April
2. Online survey – launching in early April
3. Interviews and focus groups – April and May
4. Hills Community Meetings – first week of May

How can you be involved?

1. Participate in Stakeholder Consultation to inform our research design and questions
2. Invite us to a meeting with your organisations' members to hear their views
3. Share with us the results of recent research your organisation has conducted
4. Promote our survey and community meetings to your members
5. Represent your organisation with a display or activity at our community meetings in May

Email info@echo.org.au or call **Megan Oshri or Nicole Lane** on 03 5968 4460 to get started or for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

ECHO Youth and Family Services provides a range of programs and services in Emerald and Cockatoo including facilitated playgroups, school chaplaincy, after-school programs, food aid, and no interest loans. View our programs at www.echo.org.au.

EVA COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Looking for a way to connect with the Community?

There are **two** coming events with wonderful benefits for Community members of all ages in working, communicating and building connections with each other.

And the projects are supported by the **Emerald Village Association**.

The **first** is being led by Emerald Primary School's Jess Tannock (the Teacher who helped drive the very successful Pen Pal project). She has a Meeting planned for folks interested in working with 10 individual students from across the school. They will be doing nature type activities in the school garden. It would take a Tuesday afternoon time commitment, either weekly or fortnightly.

The Project is called **Grow and Gather: An Intergenerational Garden Adventure**. The Information Meeting is **Tuesday 7th March, 2023 at 2.30 at the school** with a light afternoon tea to be served. If you miss the meeting please have a think about connecting with Primary School age children in Nature based activities and contact Jess on her Email: jessica.tannock@education.vic.gov.au to RSVP.



The **second** is an **Intergenerational Cultural Diversity Project with sharing of stories** between Menzies Creek Primary Students and members of our Community who have migrated from another country or culture. People of Indigenous backgrounds are very welcome too. They are invited to meet at the **Hills Hub at 10.30am on Thursday 23rd of March for an hour** to share their personal stories of living within a different culture with a couple of students. How do we celebrate? What foods and customs do we have or special clothes we might wear? How are we different and how are we the same? And, of course, Morning tea will be served to celebrate!

The Interviewees will then be invited to the School a fortnight later to see the results of the student's reflections. And Afternoon tea to celebrate! More information and to RSVP can be obtained by emailing Shelley on 0427 465 972 or email: shelleybeardshaw@bigpond.com

Shelley Beardshaw - EVA Committee

EMERALD MENS SHED

Men's Shed Chat and Chew

The Emerald Men's Shed has embarked on a new extension to their traditional workshop activities. They have now opened their doors to all gentlemen who are interested in just coming along to the Shed for a chat and refreshments. To this end they will be hosting Thursday morning get togethers from 9am - 12 noon at the Emerald Men's Shed which is attached the Hills Hub Community Centre, 400A Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald (corner of Belgrave-Gembrook Rd and Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd). Sit and chat about anything you like.

Would you like more information? **Contact Bob on 0490 851 835**

Also, on Thursday March 9th, Ambulance Vic will be demonstrating the use of the defibrillator and CPR techniques. All welcome to come and learn how to save a life.

THE SHED IN ACTION



Meet four year old standard poodle, Rhapsody, owned by Joan, a local resident.

Rhapsody was born with a congenital defect which means she is unable to stand/walk unassisted. This had curtailed her activities. This all changed when the Emerald Mens Shed designed and built a quad wheelchair for her. Now she can walk around the park with the other dogs.

The Mens Shed not only built the wheelchair but have also provided maintenance and innovations.

We thank the Emerald Mens shed for giving Rhapsody the chance to lead a full and active life.

If you walk around Pepis with your pooch please say g'day to Rhapsody.

VICTORIAN OXFAM TRAIL WALKER

March 24-26th

EDRA is thrilled to advise that the whole of the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail will be used by Oxfam walkers with Gembrook being the starting point for teams undertaking the whole 100km trail.

EDRA are communicating with Oxfam and sharing social posts to support our local townships, businesses and Oxfam teams.

Lynne Trensky - EDRA Co-Ordinator

EMERALD MUSEUM

A message from Natalie Bradvica, the recently appointed Emerald Museum Officer:

I would like to share some details about upcoming school holiday events at the Emerald Museum.



Courtesy: [Cardinia Shire Council](#)

The Emerald Museum is excited to be participating in the National Trusts' Australian Heritage Festival with a variety of activities on Wednesday, 19th April. Join us for scones and stories at our Teddy Bears' Picnic, enjoy a guided walking tour of the Nobelius Heritage Park with a landscape architect, enter our lucky door prize to win a family pass for the Puffing Billy Railway, and more!

Time: 10:30am-2pm

Address: Emerald Museum and Nobelius Heritage Park, 5 Crichton Rd, Emerald, VIC 3782

[Teddy Bears' Picnic booking link](#) (registrations required)

[Guided Walking Tour booking link](#) (registrations recommended)

OR visit: emeraldmuseum.org.au/events

Natalie Bradvica - Museum Officer

EMERALD LAKE PARK

GET TO KNOW YOUR PARK

Cardinia Shire Council invites you to participate in Parks Week 2023

Come along to this free music event with 2 x CMAA Golden Guitar Winner, Andrew Swift, local country music artist whilst relaxing on your picnic rugs in the picturesque lawns within the park.



Date: Sunday 12 March
Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Venue: Emerald Lake Park Band Stand

For further information please email parks@cardinia.vic.gov.au

For other Parks Week 2023 events, please visit www.whatsoncardinia.com.au

EMERALD LIBRARY

Did you know students and job seekers can find help online, free with a library card?

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Got a maths problem that you need to finish before school tomorrow? Connect with a maths tutor online and work through it together until you understand the problem and get to the answer.

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Studiosity is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through their website or via the Studiosity app. Access is free with your Casey Cardinia Libraries card.

Click here to [Find Out More](#)

EMERALD RSL - ANZAC WALK

The Emerald RSL now makes it extra easy to take a trip down Anzac Walk and listen to how our Emerald men lost their lives in WW1. This sign can be found outside the NAB and also at Anzac Place. Just scan the QR code with your phone and start the walk.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA



STEP UP TO CLEAN UP



Join the Rotary Club of Emerald & District
&
John Hills Landcare Group Inc

Clean Up Australia Day Event
Sunday 19 March - 10.00 am
Hogan Park & Surrounds
BBQ @12.30 pm

Register: On the day @ Emerald Scout Centre
21 Kilvington Drive, Emerald

Hi Viz vests and gloves provided
BYO Strong boots, hat, sunscreen & refillable water bottle



EMERALD NETBALL CLUB



Report from their Facebook page with coach Clinton Marsh.

Love this ❤️🖤 Our new 9U team had their first game of netball last weekend. They were nervous, excited, enthusiastic and so encouraging.

The celebrations after scoring a goal were next level. Group hugs, squealing, high fives, even a cartwheel!!!! Team work makes the dream work.

Well done RUBIES!!!!!!

PHOTOS FROM THE RECENT EVA COMMUNITY MEETING RE FUTURE PLANS FOR PUFFING BILLY PARK



PICS FROM THE PAST



Hands up who shared a meal at Soul Nourishment - now Elevations.



A few years before Al Mills and Pete Castricum ran our Butcher store!!!



OK - where am I? Which Bank???

Editors Note:

Digital versions of this Newsletter are available on the [EVA website](#) and [Facebook page](#)

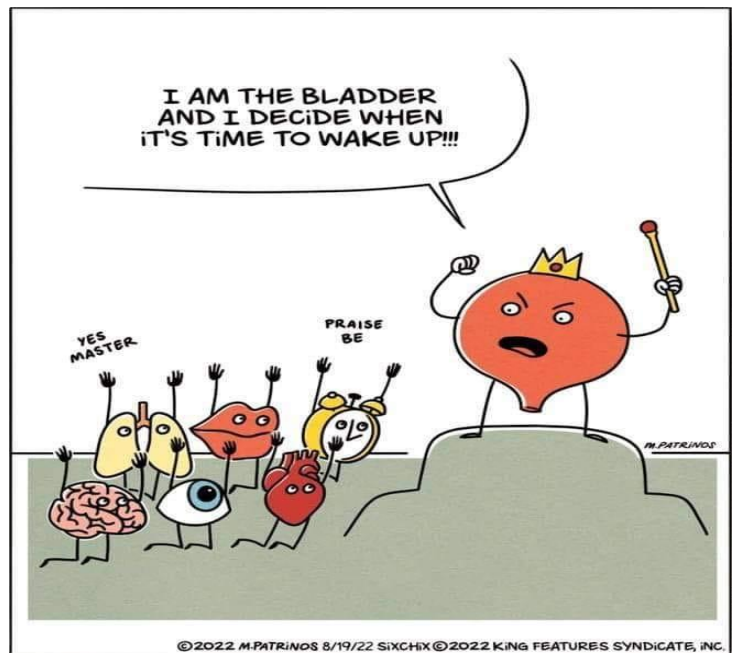
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JAMMING AT THE HUB

Paul Bianco and his team of musicians really set The Hub alight with their great music. Tune in sometime.



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