



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

Recently, the EVA has been working with EVER group to redevelop the Township Playground area near the Puffing Billy station. We have received a great deal of input which will be used to drive the planning. The Shire has set aside funds to start the much needed development of this area.

Several objections (including the EVA's) to the medical centre project on 337 Belgrave Gembrook Rd have been received by the Shire. The design of the building, its appropriateness and traffic are key issues.

During the next month ECHO is conducting a survey to determine health needs in our community. The EVA is supporting this process.

The EVA now has over 160 members. Our aim is to be the voice of Emerald (but not the only one). To ensure that we do truly represent the local community we do need regular input from our members and the wider community. Please forward any views or issues that we can advocate for to improve our town.

At our last meeting we were briefed on the Shire's Emergency Plan. If we have another major weather event or a bushfire what happens? A concern is the state of the various access roads in and out of Emerald. Your views would be most welcome.

WHERE ARE WE IN EMERALD?

No correct answer for March edition. Even Karl Stemp had trouble and he is a man who knows every blade of grass in the town. The featured track leads into Clematis Park.



This time it is very easy. You need to tell me at least 2 names on the tiles. Entries to:

dickbartley08@gmail.com

Dick Bartley - President EVA

Anzac Day

The Emerald RSL is gearing up for the annual Anzac Day services and march on Tuesday April 25th.

Once again Emerald will be adorned in poppies - a tradition now prior to Anzac Day and Remembrance Day every year.

This year the theme on Anzac Day will be the National Service Conscription ballot that commenced in 1965 and the Vietnam War. This year commemorates 50 years since the withdrawal of Australian troops from South Vietnam in 1973.

The dawn service commences at 5.30am at Anzac Place. The bag-pipes will welcome residents and visitors from afar followed by the sounds of warfare and the ringing of the Anzac bell that sits outside St Marks in Memorial Avenue. Puffing Billy will salute in traditional fashion.



Proudly supporting our local community. Emerald 5968 4522



EMERALD RSL

ANZAC DAY
Tuesday April 25th '23

5.30am **DAWN SERVICE**
Assemble Anzac Place 5am

10.30am **MARCH**
Assemble town centre at 10am

11am **MORNING SERVICE**
At Anzac Place



All Welcome at Emerald RSL after service

Anzac Day cont'd

The community groups of Emerald will march from town centre at 10.30am to Anzac Place for the morning service.

Students from both the EPS and the ESC will take the podium with speeches about Vietnam and National Service. After the service everyone is welcome at the RSL for refreshments and footy from the "G".

On the Saturday prior, the 22nd April, the Emerald Football and Netball Club will feature in the Anzac Day clash against Seville at Chandler Reserve. As per previous tradition, the Anzac Medals will be presented to Best on Ground and Court.

EVA Community Meeting

At our last committee meeting we had a guest from the Council. Stewart Matulis, Coordinator Emergency Management, spoke about our Local Response Plan and Teams. Specifically, he helped us understand how various organisations work together to prepare for and respond to emergencies or disasters in particular in this area. Pepi's Land is Emerald's safe place in the event of bushfire - (Woollies underground car park doesn't meet full criteria). Roads out of Emerald will not be safe due to the number of trees in our area – we are in a green wedge after all! Leaving early is key, including on days when the risk is rated Catastrophic.

In the event of significant destruction of property, Council applies for funds from governments and seek expressions of interest from local organisations to be on a Community Recovery Committee which will be responsible for distributing funds to rebuild communities.

In lesser emergencies, Council is responsible for opening relief shelters etc.

Stewart Matulis also reminded us of the "Creating Cardinia" website where feedback can always be given on current projects. It's always current, with whatever the council is seeking feedback about at the moment.

<https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/>

On a lighter note, the multicultural intergenerational event "Tell Me Your Story" (EVA's Well-being Project using a grant from Cardinia Council) was a great success. Read about this heart-warming event in the separate article. Our "Gather and Grow" Garden project at the Emerald Primary School also funded by the Cardinia Council is now up and running successfully.

EVA's next Committee Meeting will be at 7:30pm, 26th April at the Hub, with invited guests from ECHO - CEO Nicole Lane and Researcher Megan Oshri, to discuss their community survey initiative. As always all are welcome to join us.

Heather Bishop - EVA Secretary

Rockin' at the "R"

The Emerald RSL has live music once 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.

On May 26th Blues returns to the "R" - Pitstop Alley.

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

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Lauritos Pizza • Pasta • Cafe
MITRE 10
CELLARBORATIONS Helping you celebrate
PEDDERS SUSPENSION & BRAKES
YOUNG HENRYS SERVE THE PEOPLE

APPEARING - Emerald RSL, 3 Memorial Ave. Emerald.
Friday Night - April 28th 2023
7.30 pm till 10.30 pm. Mobile Contact - 0411 675 513. Admission - \$20.00

Rotary Club of Emerald & District

Three quarters of our members plus partners attended our District Conference in Canberra over the weekend of 4th/5th March. The Conference allowed Rotary to showcase many of its projects, and we enjoyed hearing from many incredible guest speakers such as Victorian Chief Health Officer Professor Brett Sutton, quadriplegic doctor, lawyer and disability advocate Dr Dinesh Palipana, Rwandan genocide survivor Frida Umuhoza, first female coach in the AFL Peta Searle and many others.



With Club dinners, tours of Canberra sites, golf, bowls and a gala dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House where our members dressed as Cyborgs, we had a fantastic time.

The March market over the Labour Day holiday weekend was well attended and the market is going from strength to strength. If you want to book a stall? Ring 0408 769 491 or email: emeraldrotarymarket@gmail.com.

The Holland Festival on 18th March at Akoonah Park had Emerald Rotary members join forces with other Rotary Clubs to run the event on what was a very hot day. Volunteer “wages” are to be ploughed into Club funds and therefore back to the Community.

The following day, Sunday 19th March (thankfully cooler) we joined forces with Johns Hill Landcare Group and Scout lead Jeff Latter for a Clean Up Australia project at Hogan Park (next to the Scout Hall). 34 people turned up on the day at 10.00am for a two hour shift before a free BBQ lunch. Local Emerald Village Meats owner Alan, who regularly supports Community groups, generously provided the sausages at no cost – thank you Alan. It was amazing to find chairs, bedding, and the usual suspects of wrappers, plastic bags, cans and bottles strewn throughout. Well done to Vicki van den Bergen, Chair of our Environment & Sustainability Committee for coordinating such a successful event, which is likely to become an annual clean-up project.

Rotary  **EMERALD ARTS Society**

**Emerald & District Rotary
&
The Emerald Arts Society**

**PRESENTS
BRUSHSTROKES & BUBBLES**

Please join us on Friday 2nd June @ 6.30PM for an evening of
Art, Wine, Fellowship and Fun!

Tickets \$50 Includes a Professional Art lesson, a 12x16 Canvas to take home, Art
Supplies, Beverages, a delicious cheese board and a great time!
Tickets available www.trybooking.com/CCSSI
Emerald Arts Society cnr Church & Anne Street Emerald

Next month I will report on the “Pride of Workmanship 2023” event being held on Tuesday 28th March at the Puffing Billy Lakeside Centre. This is the first time that most of the attendees will have had an opportunity to experience Puffing Billy’s new facilities and we are expecting an outstanding event.

On 29th March we presented \$50,000 to Monash Children’s Hospital raised from Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy; On 4th April we initiated the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driving Awareness) at Emerald Secondary College; On 20th May Cocktails on the Catwalk at Gemco Theatre will be held and on 2nd June Bubbles & Brushstrokes in conjunction with Emerald Art Society will take place at the Arts Society (see flyer) – information on most of these events is on our Club’s website and *Facebook* page.

Rotary prides itself on being diverse and inclusive and you are welcome to join us at either an event or meeting (held every Tuesday 6.45pm for 7pm at The Paradise Hotel). To find out more please call 0408 769 491.



Shalini Penny - Publicity

Emerald U3A

Last month I mentioned that Lawn Bowls at the Cockatoo Bowling Club were being organised, and it’s already started. They play weekly every Monday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. There are currently 20 people enrolled, and there’s capacity for 20 more.

I’d also like to give one of my own classes a plug. Expand Your Cooking Repertoire is new this year and designed to be a small group. There has been a bit of swapping and changing going on and I’ve ended up a bit short (2 or 3 more would be nice).

There are both men and women already enrolled, equally comfortable around food. We've found it difficult to find a job for everyone on the day, which has suited some who prefer to chat and watch. It's a relaxed, friendly group, and we'd welcome some late-comers. Website

<https://mem.u3aemerald.org.au/members/courses/>

Are these guys having fun or what! (no gender bias intended).....



Photo courtesy - Bruce Richardson

Yes, they are playing football...walking. It might sound hilarious to young people, but one day you'll be old too, if you're lucky!

Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity

Cardinia Council News

Hills Hub

We recently had the pleasure of hosting *Tell me your Story*, organised by the Emerald Village Association. Students from Menzies Creek Primary School came to learn from local volunteers as part of a Multicultural Intergenerational Project. It was excellent to see the celebration of diversity with a hive of activity and many smiling faces.

Cardinia Shire's Music Residency program for 2023 is kicking off on Monday 24 April and wrapping up on Friday 12 May. The program is intended to give three local emerging musicians vital industry knowledge and experience to help enhance and launch their individual careers. Through a tailored program delivered by industry professional Daniel Kelaart, each musician will record a new song in Daniel's professional studio, perform live at the Hills Hub and have their live set professionally recorded. The residency artists will also have access to the Hills Hub arts space during this period to practise, write, collaborate and create.

Energy Saving Bonus

If you would like to know more about the latest round of the State Government's Energy Saving Bonus, the office of Daniela di Martino will be at the Hills Hub on Tuesday 18 April from 10am – 1pm to answer any question and provide assistance.

Volunteer Training

Marketing for Community Groups – 23 May 2023, 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Held online, this session will support community groups' marketing efforts. Tips and hints for effective ways to develop a marketing strategy will be provided. For more information or to register visit – Cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteer

Hannah Milne - Senior Liaison Officer - Cardinia.

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 there may still be positions available as this newsletter goes to press:-

<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

Emerald Ladies Probus members immersed themselves in early settler life earlier last month with a visit to the historic homestead and garden, Mont De Lancey, in Wandin North. We started our visit with morning tea in the café before embarking on a guided tour of the beautiful 1880s property.

If you like the sound of this activity, why not come along to one of our meetings to find out what other activities we have planned for the coming months. Each month we present interesting guest speakers at our meetings and the opportunity to take part in many activities and outings.

There's also a welcoming morning tea and plenty to chat about. We are a non-fundraising social club where you can have fun with like-minded people.

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

Our next meeting is on Monday 17 April when our guest speaker will be Ken Whitefield who will talk about his days working with the Australian Federal Police.

If you're a retired, or semi-retired lady, we welcome you to join us as a visitor to meet our members, listen to our guest speaker, enjoy some morning tea and consider joining our friendly club.

Linda McIvor - Ladies Probus

Email: ladiespce123@gmail.com

Friends of Emerald Lake Park

Sycamore-Maple Blitz was held in March with over fifty hours of work from our volunteers and community members in pulling out seedlings and juvenile plants. Great effort.

Only two working bees will be held in April due to Easter. Works will be carried out alongside Lake Treganowan and into the garden beds around the lake edge.

We have welcomed five new members. If you have two hours spare a month come and join one of our working bees.

Contact : friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com

Sheila Hampson

President - Friends of Emerald Lake Park

Gemco Players Community Theatre



THE GEM
COMMUNITY
ARTS CENTRE

OPEN STAGE 2023

Welcome one and all to Gemco's ongoing Open Stage Night. Hosted by Ted and Carol, our popular open stage has been running for many decades.

Held in the cosy hall, you are welcome to perform anything you like or just come for the lovely entertainment. Enjoy music, poetry, singing, monologues or anything you wish to show! Running the first Saturday of every month from 8pm.

If you'd like to perform just turn up and register your interest when you arrive with Carol McCoy or Ted Horton.

Upcoming dates:

May 6th

June 3rd

July 1st.

Gemco Management

Cardinia Community Grants

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

[Cardinia Community Leadership Program](#)

Submissions close June 4th 2023

[Heritage Grant 2023-24](#)

Submissions close May 26th 2023

[Weed Control Grant 2022-2023 \(Round 2\)](#)

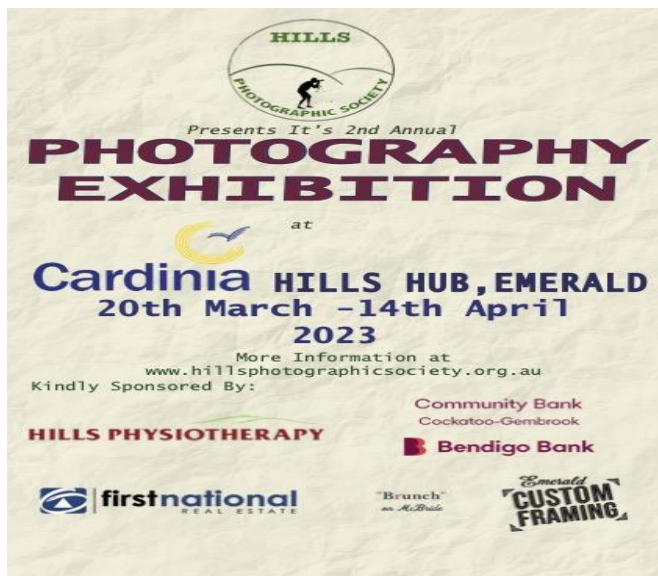
Submissions close May 31st 2023

[Cardinia Arts Grants 2023](#)

Submissions close May 7th 2023

Kym Ockerby - Community Development Officer

HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY



Emerald Community House

ECH current short course program caters for those who want to work with their hands, whether it is writing stories, cooking, crafting clay or digging in the garden. Childcare Programs have been steadily growing with parents returning to work or moving into the area. First Aid is set for April 22 and is a requirement for many volunteers and staff in the hills.

The Emerald Messenger has reinvented itself to help another hills community start-up journal.

Developing a Community Newspaper course is now fully subscribed with a new wave of aspiring hills journalists benefitting from the Emerald Messenger learnings.

ECH supports the hills community to stretch their shrinking dollar. We provide free food (frozen and non-perishables) to the broader hills community from Food Bank resources, Woolworths and the Cockatoo Bakery. The Emerald Community Market continues to operate on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

ECH's registration with Centrelink for volunteers helps their clients meet their mutual obligations. We also utilise tertiary placement students as volunteers to provide the experience that they require to meet their education goals.

Our Committee of Management has broad community representation with our committee roles filled from 3 different council areas to match our membership and align with our charity purposes. More program information can be viewed at <https://www.echvic.org.au/>

Mary Farrow - Manager ECH

ECHO Youth and Family Services – Hills Community Engagement Project

ECHO Youth and Family Services is an independent Christian charity who has been serving the community of the Eastern Dandenong Ranges for 40 years. ECHO provides support to children, youth, and families, through a range of programs, including facilitated playgroups, school chaplaincy, after-school programs, food aid, no interest loans, and therapeutic horsemanship.

HAVE A SAY IN OUR COMMUNITY

What do like about living in the Hills?

What is important to you?

What can be improved?



Hills Community Consultations

Cockatoo 7-9pm Wednesday May 3rd

at St Luke's Church Hall

Emerald 2-4pm Sunday May 7th

at the Hills Hub

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

If you can't come, please complete the online survey using the QR Code or visit echo.org.au/hills



Eastern Hills Community Engagement Project is organised by ECHO Youth and Family Services, supported by the Emerald Village Association and Connecting Cockatoo Communities, with funding from Cardinia Shire Council.



ECHO is conducting research between March and May 2023 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 local organisations can support community wellbeing. The project has funding from Cardinia Shire Council's Community Wellbeing Grants and support from the Emerald Village Association and Connecting Cockatoo Communities.

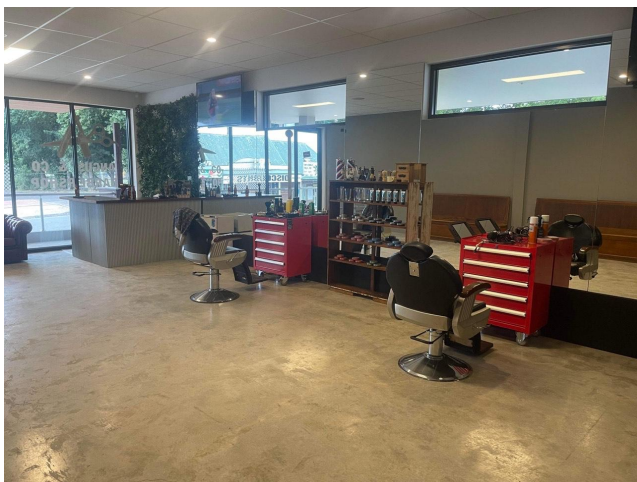
We encourage everyone living in the Hills to get involved - you can complete our online survey, come along to one of our community consultations, and please encourage your friends and neighbours to get involved too.

Nicole Lane - CEO ECHO

What's New in Emerald & Surrounds

Angus & Co Barbershop is located at Shop 1/2 Heroes, Avenue Emerald. Angus & Co is a barber shop new to Emerald.

Offering all aspects of men's grooming, from a haircut to a beard trim to a traditional hot towel shave. We are a walk-in only shop, no appointments needed open Monday to Saturday. Come to get a haircut or just to say "Hi". We also cover a wide range of men's grooming products! Hope to see you soon!



Cheers, Angus van Schilt

Editor's Note: I would love to receive submissions to this segment for future editions. evanews3782@gmail.com

EVA Community Projects

Tell Me a Story- an Intergenerational/ Intercultural Gathering at the Hub.

It was a dark and stormy morning...sounds like the start of a great story and it was!

The almost black skies were throwing down torrents of rain and large parts of the Hills Hub were on Emergency Lighting, but Volunteers arrived at Emerald's Hills Hub with umbrellas and expectant smiles.

On Thursday 23rd of March, 50 Grade 3 and 4 Students and teaching staff from Menzies Creek Primary School visited the Emerald Library firstly and then met with 25 Volunteers from the Men's Shed, Emerald U3A, the Hub Playgroup and Emerald Glades residents.

The students asked questions - "where were you born?", "how did you come to Emerald?", "what do you celebrate?", "do you have a favourite food?" and the Volunteers answered with stories of growing up in near and far-flung places; some showing photos and ornaments. Lots of tales and laughter were shared and the morning started and finished with a Morning Tea of scones and sausage rolls.

A fortnight later the Volunteer Storytellers have been invited to view their published Biographies and enjoy another Morning Tea in the Classrooms at Menzies Creek Primary School. The Emerald Village Association supported this positive Intergenerational Project.

Thanks, too, to the Cardinia Council Staff for our Well-being Grant, helping facilitate the spaces and the smooth running of the event at the Hills Hub. A chance to get to know each other whatever the Generation or place we came from...



Roy tells his story and the students listen...

Shelley Beardshaw - EVA Committee

Emerald Mens Shed

The Emerald Men's Shed was asked to build a GAGA Pit with wheelchair access for the Menzies Creek Primary School.

Once we found out what a GAGA Pit was we said, yes we can do that. The Emerald District Rotary Club pitched in with funding and it was built.

So, what is the GAGA Pit game? - in short it is a ball game:-

A number of players (usually 8) start with one hand touching a wall of the pit.

The game begins with a referee throwing the ball into the centre of the pit.

Once the ball is in play, any player can hit the ball with an open or closed hand.

If a ball touches a player below the knee (even if the player hits himself or herself) he or she is out and leaves the pit. If a player is hit above the knees, the play continues.

If a ball is caught on a fly, the player who hit the ball is out. Players cannot hold the ball. The last player standing is the winner of that round.



The Photo shows the Gaga Pit without the entrance gate and some of the Men's Shed members working on the build, From left: John Ruigrok, Mark Gearon and Alan Bennett.

Tom Connolly - Emerald Mens Shed

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.

The Emerald Museum is excited to be participating in the National Trusts' Australian Heritage Festival with a variety of activities on Wednesday, 19th April.



Courtesy: [Cardinia Shire Council](#)

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 Tennis Club



As reported in last month's EVA newsletter, the Emerald Tennis Club experienced a very tragic event with the death of one of their members - Mick Owens. Recently this sign was erected on court 5 by Mick's teammates.

Dick Bartley

EVA Sponsors

To recognise the support received from our sponsors we ask them to provide Emerald with a story about themselves and their business.

This month it is Jackie Cocks at - TINKAR'S CORNER

Two years ago, my then boss "Janine" sent me a text message during lockdown.

I'd worked at Tinkar's Corner for three years as well as Harvey Norman and was wanting to leave my job at Harvey Norman if Janine could give some extra shifts. Her message had not only offered me extra days, but Janine had decided to retire and was offering me the business!

Apart from the uncertainty of lockdowns and Covid, owning Tinkar's Corner was a long-time dream come true for myself and a no brainer!



Jackie, Sharyn and Simone - at your service

Having raised five children in Emerald with my recently retired ex Policeman husband, Tinkar's Corner (formerly, The Apple Pot) has been my local and reliable "Go To" gift shop for over 25 years, and I've always been able to purchase something for someone.

Owning Tinkar's Corner has given me the opportunity to put my 35 years of retail experience in various fields into a job I enjoy and have a great passion for.

It was also comforting to have one of my work colleagues "Sharyn" who has been a part of Tinkar's Corner for over 6 years, continue to work at the shop and share her wealth of knowledge and flair. Since then, we have welcomed on board Simone, my daughter Mackenzie and occasionally my eldest daughter, Courtney, whose passion and dedication is equal to mine.

I hope to continue the high standard of customer service, loyalty, and great reputation, as well as reasonable prices for gifts and homewares including plants and jewellery to suit all ages and budgets. We pride ourselves in having a wide variety of gifts and homewares. There are lots of choices with a new variety of stock arriving regularly. We also continue to offer complimentary gift wrapping and good old-fashioned Layby.

Since taking over the business, I have been overwhelmed by lovely feedback and kind words of encouragement by our local, loyal customers and new visitors. They have helped me stay optimistic during some of these harder times and I've loved the positive comments. I'm also forever grateful for the help and support from my husband, Matt, and my family.

They say it takes a Village, and we're forever humbled by ours. Kindly,

Jackie, Family, and staff

Tinkar's Corner

Gifts & Homewares

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Cockatoo Bowls Club



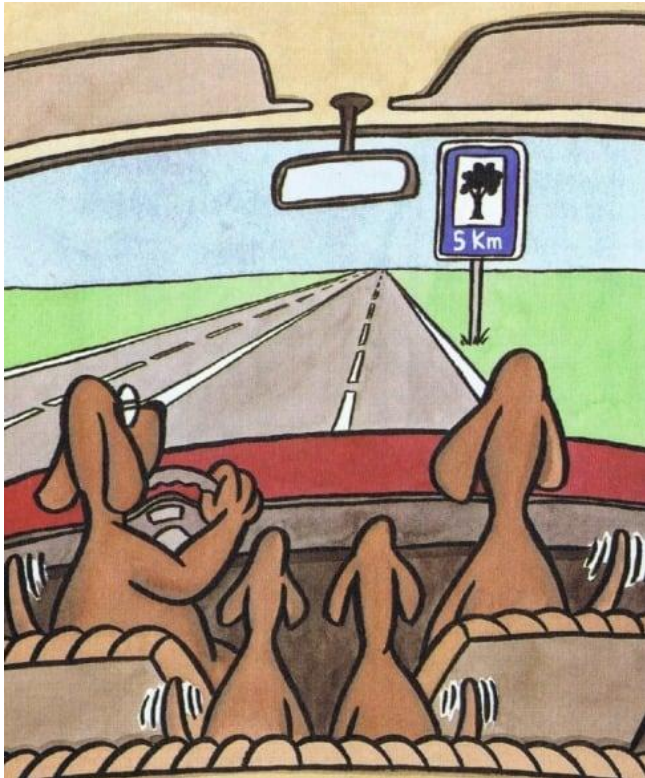
What a fantastic week for the Cockatoo Bowls Club!!!!

After struggling to fill a pennant side this year and finally fielding a team with the help of the Monbulk Bowling club not only did they win their sectional Grand final last Saturday but they went onto win the Divisional knockouts on Sunday 5th March!!!

To win not only the sectional but also the divisional flags is a mighty effort for any club but for a small club like Cockatoo it is nothing short of a miracle. A big thanks again to Monbulk for combining with us to make this happen. Cheers to Berwick for a hard fought game. Go The Squawking Hawks !!!!!!!!

Marty Cattanach - President

Laugh a Little- or a LOT



News from Jason Wood - Member for La Trobe

“I was very glad to have the opportunity to support these organisations all over the electorate through the Volunteer Grants program, helping them to train their volunteers or purchase badly-needed equipment.”

For those living in the Hills, you will see the following groups benefit:

St Luke's Church Food Store - A kitchen and technology upgrade to help them continue to provide meals to vulnerable locals

Cockatoo Community House - A volunteer training and reinvigoration program to help add expertise to their team

Emerald Lions Club - New power gardening tools to help maintain local walking trails

Emerald Village Association - A new coffee machine benefiting everyone at the Hills Hub

Gembrook Community Group - A CPR training course to help improve first aid skills among locals

Emerald RSL - New vacuum cleaner to assist with maintenance

Thank you Jason Wood.

Emerald CFA Demonstration Day



Emerald Fire Brigade firefighters are putting on a live fire demonstration using a CFA training prop at Emerald Railway Station **Saturday 15 April 11 am to 12.30pm.**

If you want to watch your local CFA volunteers doing what we do best, take a look around some of our fire trucks, have a chat about staying safe around fire this Winter, or wanting to know what volunteering with CFA might look like for you, we would love to see you there.



EVA - Come Sit By Me

Project #2 starts in June

Last year the Cardinia Council funded the Emerald Village Association to run a community, intergenerational project that brought a lot of joy to all its participants, both younger and older. Hobbies and interests were explained and taught and the completion of the project celebrated. And it was a lot of fun for all involved.

Anzac Place

Before - 2012



Today - in all its splendour



Photo courtesy: Tracy Dasler



We are pleased to announce that together with the Grade Threes at Emerald Primary School, another Project will be run on just one day - Tuesday 6th of June, 2023, from 9am to 3.30pm.

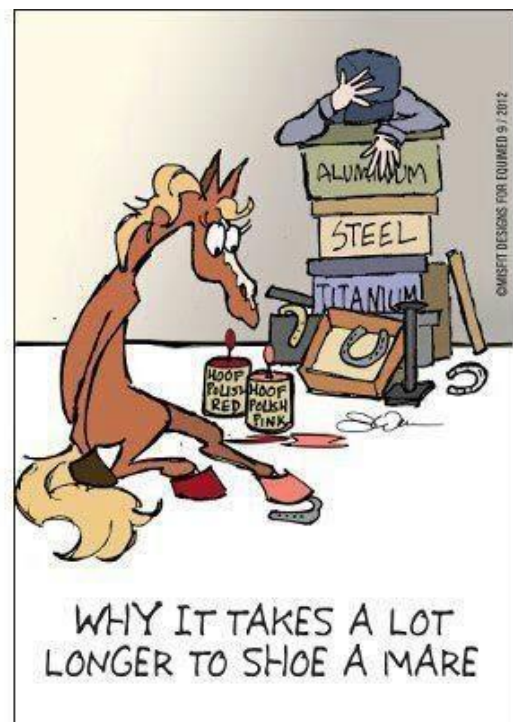
We are looking for Volunteers to help us work with the children and their teachers as we complete a day's learning, sharing, chatting and celebrating!

Of course, we will need you to have a Working with Children's Check (if you don't have one, we can help you apply). Also, we will need you to join the Emerald Village Association for insurance purposes. There is no cost involved.

Come along and join us for an information session at the Hills Hub on Tuesday 16th of May and we will answer all your questions.

More information can be obtained by emailing Shelley at shelleybeardshaw@bigpond.com or phoning 0427 465 972.

Shelley Beardshaw - EVA Committee



Mallacoota Primary School - Bushfire relief Donation

Remember the bushfire devastation to the town of Mallacoota a few years back? Who could forget?



Well the Cockatoo Primary School with local members of the community raised funds to provide school supplies for those affected in the bushfires. These donations were made to the Mallacoota Primary School at that time.

Funds were left over and the decision was made to give them to Mallacoota through the Mallacoota Lions Club and our local Lion, Ray Spencer.

Below is the response from their acting Principal, Susi Allen.



MALLACOOTA P-12 COLLEGE

25 Bucknall Street,
Mallacoota, 3892, Victoria,
Locked Bag 1001
Telephone: (03) 5158 0254

Dear Ray

This week I had the pleasure of meeting John Hillyer from the local Mallacoota Lions Club. I am new to the school in the position of Acting Principal.

John came to visit the school to present the generous donation of \$3625 from the proceeds of community fundraising for the school at the time of the fires which I believe was an initiative of Cockatoo PS Principal Darrelyn Boucher and that you have passed on the donation to the Mallacoota Lions Club to deliver to the school.

Our school community is very grateful and appreciative of the donation and will ensure the funds are used towards supporting the welfare of students at Mallacoota P - 12 College as the community continues its journey of recovery from the fires.

Sincerely

Susi Allen
Acting Principal
6 April 2023

Anzac Day Badge Sales



RSL members - Leanne Colbert and Betty A'Vard

The sale of Anzac Day badges commences next Tuesday 11th April outside our Newsagency and Woolworths. Thanks to all RSL members for their time.

Emerald Village Newsagency

A big shout out thank you to the owner of the Emerald Newsagency, Carl Mardirian, for assisting in the printing of this Newsletter.

Last month the EVA photocopier at the Hills Hub took its last breath. Carl stepped up to the plate and offered to print for us at less than the cost price.

Thanks Carl for your community spirit, that goes unnoticed behind the scenes.

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