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## Emerald Village Association Inc. and Community Group News



Fri 24 Nov to Sun 26 Nov

**50**

+ performances

**50**

+ artists

**30**

+ venues



Sat 25 Nov

**Emerald**

The Gem Community Arts Centre

**Cockatoo**

Ash Wednesday Bushfire  
Education Centre (AWBEC)

**Gembrook**

Gilwell Park



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# REMEMBRANCE DAY



To be held at  
**ANZAC PLACE**  
On Saturday  
**NOVEMBER 11th 2023**  
Service Starts 10.30 a.m.  
Then to Emerald RSL for  
refreshments.



# LEST WE FORGET



Poppies on parade around Emerald - as is our tradition at the Emerald RSL.

In 2005 the Rotary Club of Emerald was involved in the building of our "Welcome to Emerald". Russ Nielsen, pictured here with RSL President Peter Maloney, designed the "Welcome" and also 10 years later, designed Anzac Walk using the consistent timber post theme.

## From the EVA President

On Wednesday the EVA held our annual community groups night at which we present Citizenship awards and we give local groups an opportunity to showcase their organisation and current activities.

Congratulations to Margie Gemmell from Gemco Players who is the Emerald Citizen of the Year and to The Emerald Men's Shed who are the Emerald Group for 2023. Both very worthy winners. Congratulations to all those other nominees who were considered for the award. Thanks also to the Cardinia Deputy Mayor, Jack Kowarzik who presented the awards.



L to R: Councillor Jeff Springfield, Deputy Mayor, Jack Kowarzik, Margie Gemmell, Tom Connolly from The Men's Shed and Dick Bartley, President EVA.

After the award ceremony the representatives from 20 groups had 3 minutes each to promote their programs. A common need for more volunteers to make things happen in our community.

On November 29 the EVA has planned a community meeting at which we will discuss Emerald's future. Come along and have your say or hear what others are thinking. The meeting will be held in the Hills Hub Hall at 7.30. More details to come.

Have you used the recycling depot? It's been a long time coming and hopefully it will help improve our area. Many thanks to Peter Cook and DRREA (Dandenong Ranges Renewable Environmental Association) who have been pushing (literally) for many years for this policy which is widely used in many countries.

The PAVED festival is on again this year. Good luck to organisers EDRA and others who have planned 3 days of activities. Let's hope the Emerald weather behaves itself! Thanks to those who have given us feedback on the EVA newsletter. The objective is to keep you the community informed and to tempt you, if we can, to get involved in the Emerald Community.

## Where Are We?

A very easy one last month. The Emerald Solar Town sign is located near the bus stop outside the ECH.



This sign was erected a few years ago by Peter Cook and DRREA. It probably needs an update as many more buildings in Emerald have installed solar

panels. Allan Johnston was the first correct reply. This month we have some very distinctive spear-shaped flowers (not red!) to locate. Good Luck!

Email to: [dickbartley08@gmail.com](mailto:dickbartley08@gmail.com)

**Dick Bartley - President EVA Inc.**

## Rotary Club of Emerald & District

For Rotary and all the Community groups being able to showcase what we are doing via the EVA newsletter each month is providing great feedback and exposure. Sharing what we do and have planned provides an insight and we are reaping the rewards with more of you interested in becoming involved - on 17<sup>th</sup> October we inducted another two new members and they are already involving themselves in the Emerald community.

Our October Halloween" market" proved a great crowd



pleaser with many "dressing to impress"?? Perhaps not the correct word! Again, on the Halloween theme we held our first very successful Disco for over 100 grade 5 &

6's at The Hub on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. It was such a success that we are already being asked to run another next year.

Continuing events for Grade 5 & 6's our Primary school speech contest on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at Emerald Primary school demonstrated how mature and talented our youngsters are, In front of an audience consisting of Cr. Tammy Radford, Mayor of Cardinia, Rotary District 9810 Governor Ian Ballantyne, Emerald Rotary members and the student's families the entrants spoke for 3 minutes on a topic from a predetermined list of 12 subjects and were judged by a panel consisting of members from Toastmasters



The winner was Maya from Cockatoo Primary whose chosen subject was "Through the Microscope." Second place was taken by Siena also from Cockatoo Primary with Will from Gembrook Primary coming a close third. Both Maya and Siena now go through to the Rotary District 9810 Speech Speaking final, which this year is being held by the Manningham Rotary Club on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Guest speakers of interest in the coming weeks are Annie Pateman, Cancer survivor and author on 28<sup>th</sup> November and on 5<sup>th</sup> December we have David Enor CEO of International Needs Australia. The talk on 17<sup>th</sup> October by Jen Wills, the 1<sup>st</sup> woman with Multiple Sclerosis (and had COVID) to climb to 8000m Mt Everest in April 2023 talked to the club was thoroughly inspiring.

Giving a final shout out that the Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy at Puffing Billy station, Gembrook will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. There is still time to enter. Note that tickets are selling fast for the rides, so if you are planning to come along you will need to book soon.

And then Christmas is around the corner and we are going all out with our Raffle. I have been calling in on the town's businesses to obtain prize donations and want to say a thank you to the generous supporters.

Have a look at our website: [www.emeraldrotary.org.au](http://www.emeraldrotary.org.au). There is so much information of interest there plus photographs from previous events.

And we would love you 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 or 0417 038 707.

**Shalini Penny, Publicity**

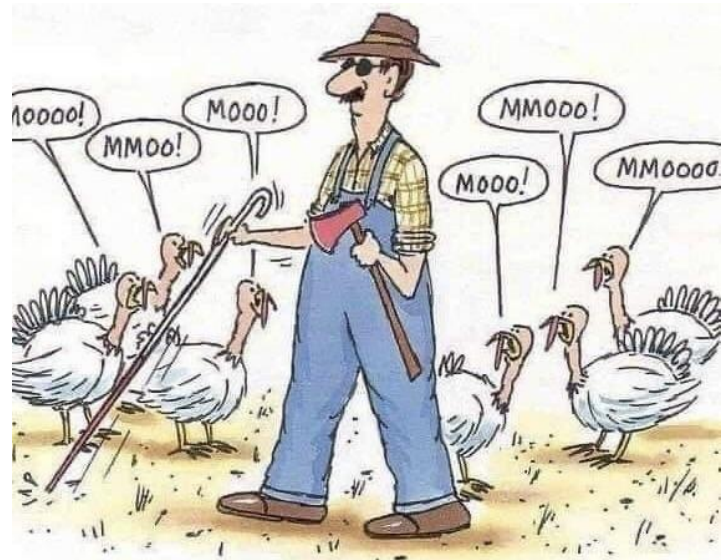
## Emerald Cemetery

The Friends and Carers for the Emerald Section (FACES) of the Emerald Cemetery in Macclesfield Road are seeking more volunteers from the community to assist in the maintenance of the cemetery.

Time: every Monday from 10am to 12 noon weather permitting. You don't have to commit every week - just when it suits. BYO gloves and garden tools.

If interested ring Graeme Fergus - 5968 6512

## Laugh a Little or Smile a Lot



## Emerald U3A

As you know, the EVA Awards Night was held at the end of October, and we were pleased and proud to see our president Pat Buoncristiani nominated for Citizen of the Year. As someone once told me, 'the best ones never think they deserve it' and Pat's response to the nomination was like that, immediately thinking of how much is done in our community by so many. She wasn't the winner, but said she was pleased to realise that her contributions are appreciated in the wider community. We on the committee see first hand how she consistently leads and manages U3A Emerald, and the result is an

abundance of opportunities for 'third age people' to learn, keep fit and socialise.

Pat was delighted to see Marg Gemmell become Citizen of the Year. They taught together many years ago at Emerald Primary School and Pat's daughter was one of hundreds in the district who learned to play the piano with Marg.

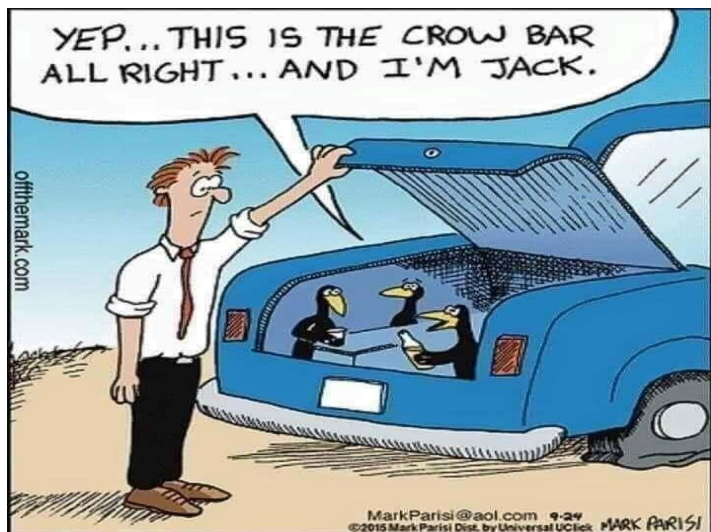


Enrolment Day, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December: From 10am to 12:30 we will be available at the Hub to assist with enrolments for 2024. We have developed a new and improved system to ensure waiting times are not like last year. A festive morning tea will be laid on as well!

You can also enrol and select your courses for next year at home, from the same date and time.

PAVED: U3A will be exhibiting in the Hub on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November as part of PAVED. A selection of our courses will be showcased, and it may be a revelation for some to see what talented members we have here! There'll be photography, Calligraphy, Paintings, Woodwork, Botanical Art and a variety of different crafts.

### Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity



## Emerald Citizen & Group of the Year

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023, representatives of the Emerald Community met at the Hills Hub to celebrate the awarding of Emerald Citizen of the year, together with the Emerald Citizen's Group Award and to hear about the work of Community Groups that make living in Emerald so rewarding. Our President, Dick Bartley, opened the meeting with a Welcome to Country and acknowledged previous winners. He introduced Cardinia Council's Deputy Mayor, Cr Jack Kowarzik, who spoke about how lucky Emerald was to have the Emerald Village Association Awards (since 2010) and the number of citizens and groups who work so hard for the Community.

And then this year's awards were presented by the Deputy Mayor, Jack Kowarzik, to the following:

### Emerald Citizen of the Year- Margie Gemmell



Photo courtesy: Paul Bianco

Margie is a well known member of the Emerald Community, having taught (and is still teaching) at the local Primary School for decades. She is a vital part of Emerald's artistic community, having been a key Volunteer in Gemco over many years as it has developed, both on and behind the stage and in front of house roles.

She recently performed in the production of "Stepping Out" tap dancing and playing the piano! She was also a valued contributor to the successful PAVE Arts and Community Festival. Margie acknowledged her late husband's help and support over many years. Congratulations Margie.

### Emerald Citizen's Group of the Year - Emerald Men's Shed

Tom Connolly, accepted the Award on behalf of President Allan Bennett and the Shed members. He told us how it started in a green container and had several moves via the old Emerald Fire Station to its new and well equipped, purpose built space at the Hills Hub. The members have provided many useful and valued services to the Community with projects completed at schools, community organisations such as EDRA and U3A, mentoring young students, as well as making and selling useful "stuff", street decorations and re-cycling bicycles! It has been a



haven for men of all ages to enjoy each other's company, learn new skills and perform tasks that benefit the Community. Well done!

Photo courtesy Paul Bianco

We then listened to representatives of many Emerald Community Groups report on their Group's activities. We heard from the Hills Hub Connected Communities Team, Rotary, Echo, the Friends of Emerald Lake Park, the Mt Burnett Observatory Volunteer Group, the Probus Ladies Group, the Emerald U3A, Emerald Scouts, Emerald Lions who, with the Mens Shed, are helping EDRA with the provision of giant candles for street decorations during PAVED and the Christmas season, Gemco, the local Bendigo Bank Group, the Emerald Arts Society, Fernlea, the RSL, Gemco and from Graham Fergus who asked for more volunteers for the Emerald Cemetery Group. What an amazing number of groups and activities...

Our next EVA meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday November 29th. Come along and join us at The Hills Hub - 7.15pm for 7.30 start.

**Shelley Beardshaw - EVA**

## Emerald Fire Brigade

**OPEN DAY - AT CFA**

**Sunday December 3rd - 10am - 3pm**

You are invited to our open day where we will be hosting our annual Community Bushfire Information Session.

10am – 3pm Free kids activities, mini truck hose races, sausage sizzle, check out our trucks and gear and chat to your local volunteer firefighters

**11am Community Bushfire Information Session**

12 – 2:30pm Face Painting (gold coin donation)  
1pm Emerald Fire Brigade Juniors Fire Fighting Demonstration

2:30pm Raffle draw & colouring in competition winners.

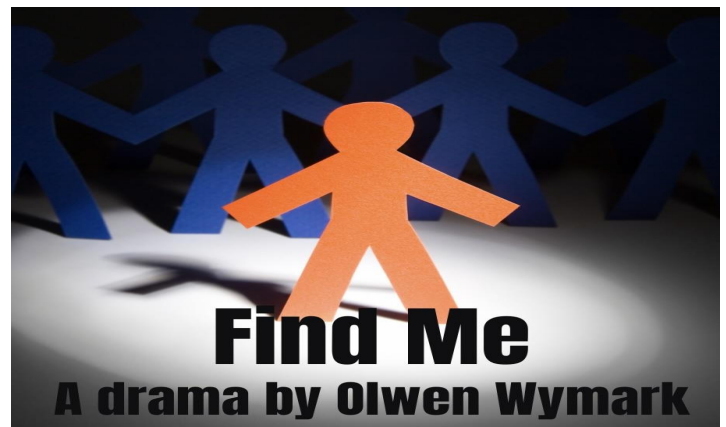
## Emerald RSL - Music Night

Next gig is on Friday 24th November as part of the PAVED Festival. Bookings see link or ring Paul:

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-windsavers-emerald-rsl>



## Gemco Players



### Find Me

A Drama by Olwen Wymark  
Show Dates November 3-12

Olwen Wymark's drama 'Find Me' based on a true story, follows the protagonist Verity Taylor as she is dealing with increasingly damaging mental health issues. Verity's family becomes fractured in their search for answers from a health system, at the time, that does not have answers for Verity's particular case and so doctors and other medical health practitioners find themselves unable to advise Verity's family. Wymark has employed a technique known as

'multi-characterisation' wherein actors swap the main roles and work as an ensemble to 'find the real Verity' in this gripping, and emotional drama. The ensemble of 8 cast will rotate roles and play a myriad of characters.

More info and to book tickets via

[www.gemcoplayer.org](http://www.gemcoplayer.org)

**Michelle Drinnan - Gemco**

## PUFFING BILLY TOY LIBRARY

*Needs You!*

To ensure the toy library can continue operating, the following positions need to be filled at the upcoming AGM:

President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Toy Coordinator  
Membership Secretary  
Fundraising Coordinator  
General Committee

**Think you can help?**

**Come along to the AGM or get in touch for more information**

Monday 13 November  
7.30pm

Hills Hub, Emerald or [Online](#)

Contact Helena on 5943 4255 or  
[h.moloney@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:h.moloney@cardinia.vic.gov.au)



## COME TOY WITH THE LIBRARY

The Puffing Billy Toy Library, based in the Hills Hub provides free loan toys for youngsters. It is a great resource with the current cost of living for them to reach their potential through play.

New blood is needed - the committee is seeking an injection of volunteers to keep the toy library on track and lift its profile.

If you can spare a few hours as a volunteer or on committee your reward will be seeing the joy of the youngsters thanks to your participation.

Your chance to get aboard will be at the AGM on 13th November at 7:30 pm at the Hub or register [Online](#).

## Statue of the Unknown Soldier

After months recovering from an attack from the elements our soldier has a new concrete stand and is now back in action. Thanks to the Mens Shed for a new coat of varnish and to RSL Club members, Matty Cocks and Mark Gottschalk, who did a great job getting him back on his feet.



## Woorilla Poetry Prize

**A Great Way to Spend a Sunday Afternoon**

The Woorilla Poetry Prize winners, runners up, highly commended and commended poets will be announced on **Sunday, November, 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hills Hub - 2pm to 5pm.**

Founded in 1989 as a local prize it has evolved into a major Australian literary prize with entries from across the world.



Poetry has made something of a comeback in popular culture, no longer the domain of tweedy jacketed academic types or long haired dreamers. Poetry speaks to everybody.

Still, those whose experience of poetry may be coloured by memories of tedious school lessons probably wonder if we need poetry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Poetry is in fact necessary in the digital age because it helps us appreciate the world around us, understand each other and view the world with fresh eyes. Today's poetry is not constricted by rigid forms, highfalutin language or obscure subject matter but deals with concerns of daily life, as well as with big ideas.

New forms of poetry have been embraced, particularly by the young with Performance Poetry and Slam Poetry attracting big audiences. Victoria's Slam Poetry Champion, Aloma Davis, will be performing at the Awards. James Fischer, Coordinator, Arts and Creative Industries, Cardinia will be the keynote speaker. Actor Julie Day will perform poems by interstate or overseas entrants.

The physical event will be held in the stunning Hills Hub with live music, wine, cheese, finger food, raffles and live readings. This will be streamed live on our Facebook page if you are too far away to be there. Register to join the event either online or in person: [woorilla.org.au](http://woorilla.org.au)

An enticing afternoon for the whole family to enjoy.



**Maria Millers - Woorilla Co-Ordinator**

## Emerald Secondary College

The Emerald Secondary College is seeking the services of a retired, or semi-retired maintenance person/gardener to work at the College, 2-3 days a week. The work will involve working with our current Facilities Manager, working off a portal that logs both immediate, and long-term maintenance tasks. The position is on a casual basis, but there is potential to extend the role into an on-going position.

Please contact the College on 5968 5388 for further information or email the Principal – [james.barut@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.barut@education.vic.gov.au). Child safety standards are the highest priority for this position, so a current Working with Children Check is imperative, or the successful applicant will be supported in obtaining this requirement.

**James Barut - Principal ESC**

## Emerald - Rampant Vandalism

Very early morning on Sunday October 29th, our sleepy hollow was disrupted by thieves who broke into 6 local businesses at both ends of town.



Shown here is the damage done to the Newsagency - many thousands of dollars to repair. In addition, Barry Plant Sales, The General Store, Gingers and others at the east end of town were all "visited" by these low lives. Apparently, decent CCTV footage is assisting the police who did a great job on the night.

However, they had to travel from Pakenham to arrive much too late to have an impact. One wonders why we have a magnificent modern police station of our own that seems to be empty most of the time, definitely at night time.

On top of this it has been reported that thieves were taking contents from cars in Woolworths carpark last week. However karma was in place and GPS tracking of a laptop in one of the bags stolen enabled Police to make an immediate arrest downtown.

So the message is very clear. You cannot be too careful. Thieves of all ages are after cash and any asset that can be easily converted into cash. Maybe it is time to have our own township CCTV network of cameras that are linked directly to our police station. A topic for discussion at an EVA community meeting



One of Banksy's great works of street art. [Click on the pic to see more.](#)



## ECHO Youth & Family Services

Our Young Changemakers Program have chosen their final activity of the year and will be holding a disco at the Hills Hub on Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful for the leadership of our young people and the support of Cardinia Youth Services and the Victorian Government. We hope this will be an amazing event for young people in our community.

The disco is free and open to all 12-19 year olds. There are limited places, so please book a place at [www.echo.org.au/youth](http://www.echo.org.au/youth)



ECHO YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS PRESENT:  
**GLOW TIME DISCO PARTY**

HILLS HUB EMERALD  
6-9PM | FRI 24TH NOV

DJ - CHILL SPACE - FREE FOOD - DOOR PRIZES

YOUTH-LED EVENT FOR 12-19's PLACES LIMITED  
Book via QR or online [www.echo.org.au](http://www.echo.org.au)

ECHO frezza VICTORIA State Government Cardinia YOUTH Services

This is a fully supervised drug, alcohol, smoke and vape free event for young people  
Proudly supported by Cardinia Youth Services and the Victorian Government

## Emerald Scouts



**You're invited**  
Emerald Scouts Community Celebration  
100 Years 1923 - 2023  
November 18 from 11am - 5pm

Join us to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Emerald  
Former members and families are encouraged to attend.  
Chat with current and former members!  
See memorabilia and historical displays.

FREE activities  
Abseiling!  
Cooking Damper!  
Rope Bridge Climbing!  
And Other Scouting Fun!

Location | Emerald Scout Centre  
21 Kilvington Drive, Emerald

Need more information?  
[www.emeraldscouts.org.au](http://www.emeraldscouts.org.au)  
[gl.1stemerald@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.1stemerald@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

## Emerald Secondary College

### Participation in the Model United Nations Event 2023

The Model UN was a mock United Nations meeting where students from Victorian schools represented different countries in teams and had a meeting all together and discussed an important topic.

Our school was representing two countries, Spain and Pakistan. On the day, we were discussing gender equality, and these two countries have very different views on this topic.



We started the day with all the countries giving their opening position statements. We then had a short break before coming back to start the caucus. We had a moderated and unmoderated caucus where we had the option to discuss and ask questions about other countries' position statements, views on the topics and proposed amendments to the draft resolution.

The draft resolution is a document that compiles requests to the countries on ways that they can fix the issue that is being discussed, this year being gender equality. Soon after we had the chance to submit any proposed amendments, we then voted on whether or not they should pass.

The Model UN was an amazing experience and we all really enjoyed it.

**Jayden, Alice, Lucy, Liam, Ava & Elizabeth**

## EVER - Emerald Village Exercise & Recreation

### [Update on Worrell Reserve Skatepark and Pepi's Land BMX Track Upgrades](#)

Emerald, Victoria - Emerald Village Exercise and Recreation would like to provide the community with an update on two long-awaited projects: the development of the Worrell Reserve Skatepark and the upgrade of the Pepi's Land BMX Track. While we acknowledge these projects have been in the pipeline for some time, we are making steady progress and are eager to see them come to fruition.

#### Progress at Worrell Reserve Skatepark

After extensive planning and design phases, the Worrell Reserve Skatepark project is advancing. The detailed design, approved by the Worrell Reserve Community Asset Committee, is now entering the next phase, which includes obtaining land owner consent from DEECA and initiating the planning permit process. Construction is anticipated to start late next year. We understand the wait has been lengthy, and we appreciate the community's patience and continued support. Once completed, the skatepark will provide a much-needed space for skate enthusiasts of all ages.

#### Pepi's Land Bike Track Upgrade on the Horizon

The upgrade of Pepi's Land Bike Track is scheduled to begin towards the end of November, aiming for completion in time for the school holidays, weather permitting. This project's completion will offer a refreshed and improved facility for BMX riders in the area. Despite the delays, the upgrade is a much-needed boost to the existing infrastructure, promising a better and safer riding experience for our community's BMX enthusiasts.

#### Community Focus

We recognize that the journey to enhance Emerald's action sports facilities has been more prolonged than initially expected. We are committed to delivering these projects not just as sporting venues, but as integral parts of our community's fabric, encouraging outdoor activity and fostering a spirit of togetherness.

As we work towards completing these projects, we want to thank our community for its understanding and continued support. Your enthusiasm and participation in these activities are what drive us to improve and expand our recreational offerings.

Keep an eye on our updates, and we look forward to seeing everyone enjoy these new facilities upon completion. Thank you for standing with us through these challenging but ultimately rewarding developments.

**Vanessa Kewish - EVER Coordinator**

## Emerald Regional Beekeepers Group

The ERBG hive is increasing in number with well over 50 paid up members now! This is pleasing news and in the best interests of all beekeepers in the region, because working together promotes knowledge sharing, friendship and a common focus when it comes to bee biosecurity and beehive health.

With the transition in the response to the Varroa mite incursion in NSW (from eradication to management) ERBG strongly urges all local beekeepers to register all hives with Agriculture Victoria, be familiar with the latest Varroa inspection techniques provided by the State department of Agriculture teams. It is now up to all of us to do all that we can do to prevent or slow down the spread of the Varroa mite into/around the Emerald region.



Working together will be our greatest strength! We welcome all new local members, and the sharing of news about bee health and biosecurity within the group.

The recent ERBG "new-bees" have joined with a buzz of excitement, joining in with frame making workshops, hive maintenance discussions, figuring

when to open the hives up for Spring and finally the making of honey mead. We soon will be discussing hive splits, re-queening options and local Eucalypt ID with our group mentors leading the discussions. Members ask loads of questions and we find that there are many "right" answers between us all.

Swarm collection activity has only just been increasing in recent weeks, with a few members reporting their attempts to collect swarming bees (and attempts to keep them). All swarm enquiries can be directed to the "swarm phone" **0491 715 840** and a friendly trained ERBG member will arrange with you to try to catch any visiting bees!



**Bron Koll - ERBG**

## Emerald Probus Club

October is Probus Month when Probus clubs celebrate good friends, great times and new adventures. Emerald Ladies Probus members celebrated in the beautiful surroundings of Alowyn Gardens in Yarra Glen. Although we missed the glorious wisteria in flower, the stunning roses were at the peak of their beauty. After wandering the gardens



we enjoyed lunch at the nearby Grand Hotel in Yarra Glen.

Our club meets monthly at the Emerald RSL, 3 Memorial Ave, Emerald

and encourages retired and semi-retired women to come along and find out more.

Our next meeting is on Monday 20 November and the guest speaker will be Darren Arnott who will be talking about his book 'No Regard for the Truth' and the Rowville POW camp.

Enquiries:

**Chris Britton on 0421 338 124.**

## Victorian Container Deposit Scheme

The new recycling scheme for containers has now been announced by the Victorian Government. [See this website.](#)

The local SES has been appointed as the base in Emerald to go for a refund on your containers. Will be operational soon.

A group of local community groups are seen here welcoming this new initiative.

Congratulations to Peter Cook of DRREA for his tireless work making this happen.



## Cardinia Shire Council

### Community Consultation - Community Infrastructure Plan

What community infrastructure is important to you? What facilities do you currently use? And what would you like to see in the future?

Council has released its first-ever Community Infrastructure Plan – and are inviting all community members to provide feedback and thoughts on current community infrastructure!

This Plan sets out how community infrastructure will be planned, designed, delivered and maintained for community use into the future. It will be used to prioritise projects and support the creation of 'liveable spaces and places'.

Share your feedback online by Sunday 29 November via <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/> or register via the link to attend a workshop at the Hills Hub on **Saturday 18 November from 10am 11.30am** and discuss the draft Plan and community infrastructure.

### Nat Noonan - Cardinia Connected Communities

## Remembrance Day - a time for reflection

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?  
Selling poppies in town today.  
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.  
For the men who marched away.  
But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because my child, men fought and died  
In the fields where the poppies grow.  
But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child.  
The blood that our soldiers shed.  
The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.  
For the men who never came back.  
But why, Mummy, are you crying so?  
Your tears are giving you pain.  
My tears are my fears for you, my child.  
For the world is forgetting again.

Courtesy: [Overwatch Australia](#)



**FRIDAY NOV 24**

**3PM - 7PM**

**EMERALD SHOPPING STRIPS**

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING MARKET STALLS

DEADPOOL SPIDERMAN SANTA MUSIC

MINDFULLY DIVINE MARKET CHOIR

FIND THE FAIRY DOORS BELLY DANCERS



SATURDAY NOV 25

10AM - 3PM

GEMCO COMMUNITY CENTRE  
HILLS HUB & SHOPPING STRIPS

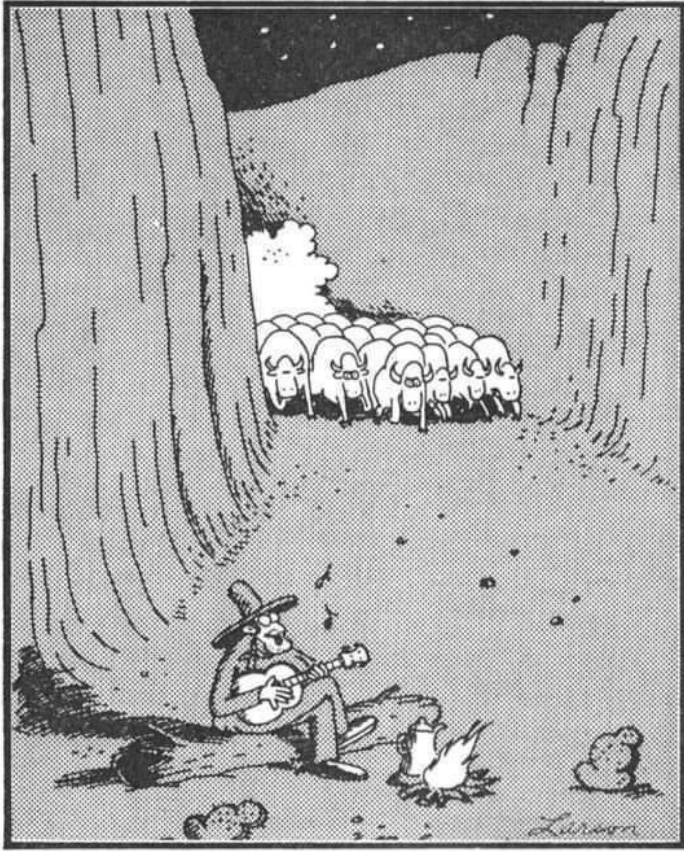
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# Local Township Newsletters

Emerald - [Emerald Newsletter](#)

Cockatoo - [Cockatoo Community News](#)

Upper Beaconsfield - [Village Bell](#)



"Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo roam . . ."

## Emerald Museum

Our 2024 Emerald of Yesteryear calendars are here! The theme, "Open For Business", highlights historic businesses in Emerald and surrounding districts.



Only \$10 each. Limited print run—don't miss out! Purchase from the Emerald Newsagency or the Emerald Museum on Wednesdays 10am-3pm or Sundays 12-4pm.

## Emerald Annual Art Exhibition

Emerald can be very proud of the Emerald Arts Society who presented their annual exhibition at the Hills Hub over the Melbourne Cup weekend.

Two examples of a very high quality range of the paintings that were on display:



"Best in Show" Silver Teapots and Lemons" by Wendy Lindrea



Best "Still Life in Show" - Poppies" by Chris A'Vard Britton

# Shire of Cardinia Report

## Connected Communities Update

### Volunteer Training Opportunities

#### Understanding Financials for Committee Members

Tuesday 14 November, 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Learning how to read and understand the facts and figures presented in financial reports. Become equipped with knowledge to guide community groups to survive and thrive.

#### Recruiting and Inducting Volunteers

Tuesday 5 December, 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Take the guess work out of finding volunteers and assist groups to use online platforms to help their efforts.

For further information and to register, visit - [cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering](http://cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering)

### Cardinia Shire Australia Day Award Nominations

Last chance to nominate a citizen, young citizen, senior citizen or local event that make our community so amazing!  
Nominations close Sunday 12 November. For more information and to submit a nomination, visit - [cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiadayawards](http://cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiadayawards)

## HILLS HUB

We have recently hosted a huge range of events for all ages at the Hills Hub.

From the Rotary Halloween Disco, Emerald Arts Society Annual Exhibition, to the amazing Topia exhibition by Nicola Blackwood, Emerald Village Associations Community Awards night and the Emerald U3A's *Positive Ageing in the Hills* information session.

We also had a Tai Chi demonstration as part of Seniors Week. Pictured below is some of the participants enjoying the activity.



Coming up at the Hub

### Next Gen Exhibition

**10 November - 15 December, 9:30am - 2:30pm, Monday - Friday**  
After Emerald Arts Society's Annual Art Exhibition, the youth submissions will be featured in an extended Next Gen exhibition in the arts space. View the wonderful array of artworks created by our talented local young people.

### Woorilla Poetry Prize

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
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