

**Emerald - our home, our oasis - green,  
clean and safe**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Current issues discussed by the EVA include improving community engagement with the Shire, Puffing Billy's involvement in the town, a Business Plan, renewing the EVA's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Shire, support for DREA's proposal for a charging station for electric cars in our town, upgrading the town entry sign (another DREA project) and increasing our membership.

Currently we have 83 members which is a big increase. We are seeking reps from as many local community groups as possible. If your organisation does not have an EVA member please complete the form from the website or collect a form from the Hills Hub reception. At the recent EPS Fair we had a stall and attracted an additional 20 members - taking us over the 100 mark.

Please note our first community meeting will be held on Wednesday April 27 at 7.30pm in the Hills Hub Hall. The topic is the Shire's strategy for coping with Climate Change.

The EVA responded to the Bill that went before the Victorian Parliament re changes to the Puffing Billy Act. This from the Parliamentary minutes:

*I would just make one final reference in that the member may have also seen some correspondence in the last couple of days from the Emerald Village Association, which was very reasonable correspondence, from Mr Budge on behalf of Mr Bartley and other members of the Emerald Village Association, which was responded to yesterday by Peter Abbott, the CEO of the railway. There has been some back and forth, and those correspondences have been extremely civilised.*

**Dick Bartley - President, EVA**

**ANZAC DAY**

After 2 years of uncertainty, we have finally arrived back to normality - no compulsory masks and no mandatory social distancing.

The Emerald RSL looks forward to seeing Emerald coming out en masse at the two services at Anzac Place and the community march. Most Emerald community groups will be represented.

The annual local footy match between Emerald and Gembrook will be held on Saturday 23rd April. At this point in time the match is scheduled for Gembrook but may be moved to Emerald if works on the Gembrook Club are not completed.



Proudly supporting our local community. Emerald 5968 4522



**EMERALD  
RSL**

**ANZAC DAY**  
**Monday April 25th '22**

**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**

**Peter Maloney - President, Emerald RSL**

## EMERALD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

As the footy season for 2022 officially kicks off, Emerald Junior Football Club welcomes a new committee led by **President** - Jamie Grace, **Vice President** - Matt Bryon, **Secretary** - Kristie Holden and **Treasurer** - Andrew Ferrier. The Executive Committee are supported by an additional 14 enthusiastic committee members, who have all been around the club for quite some time.

“This season we have just under 200 registered players, an impressive number which has proven to be challenging throughout the league and has meant we have fielded nine (9) teams for competition. This is thanks to the registration drive and recruitment efforts of not only the committee but also our coaches and team managers. A true testament of the collaborative, encouraging, and positive ethos of the club.” Jamie Grace proudly states.

There has been a hive of activity at the grounds lately with the council completing the car parking and now working on the landscaping whilst the club itself has been working solidly in preparation for the installation of a brand-new digital scoreboard.

With games set to be played at the home ground every week, the new committee and club welcomes everyone to come along, get around the kids, buy some hot chips at the canteen and support your local junior football club.

**Michelle Grace - Committee, EJFC**



The EJFC Committee - Lana Whyte, Jamie Grace, Kristie Holden, Andrew Ferrier, Matt Bryon and Brett Pinkerton.

## ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

Supporting young people in the community is a key priority of our club so we were delighted to recently secure a \$5,000 grant from Cardinia Shire Council to establish a Kitchen Garden at Emerald Secondary College.

The funds will be used to establish a sustainable garden area that can be used for the whole school community. The fruit and vegetables yielded will supply food technology classes with fresh produce, propagation of new plants and seedlings will be used within the school grounds, science students will explore the flora and fauna, and VCAL students will have an opportunity to develop their enterprise skills and generate income to support their community projects. Students will also raise chickens, giving them knowledge and skills to care for living creatures.



‘A tin man scarecrow protects the Kitchen Garden at Emerald Secondary College’.

Following on the success of our Christmas raffle, we are running an Easter raffle with first prize being an Avoca BMX CST 50cm Kids Eden Bike, second prize a Pamper Hamper and third Prize various Easter treats. Our members will be selling tickets from the Emerald Woolworths’ foyer on Sat, 9 and Sun, 10 April. Winners will be drawn on Tues, 12 April.

Now with an expanded array of crafts, produce, collectables and treasures on offer, you’d be hopping mad to miss our Easter-themed Emerald Rotary Market to be held on Saturday 9 April at the Emerald Primary School oval on Heroes Avenue. To book a stall call 0408 769 491 or [emailemeraldrotarymarket@gmail.com](mailto:emailemeraldrotarymarket@gmail.com)

**Ros Weadman - Publicity**

## EVA - REPORT

### Looking at Climate Change and Adapting in Emerald and District.

This coming month the Emerald Village Association is holding a Community meeting and all are welcome. It is to be held at the **Hills Hub at 730pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2022** and Aruna Dias, Cardinia Council's Environment Officer will be the guest speaker. The Council has recently published its draft Climate Change and Adaptation Strategy, which the EVA has provided feedback on. This is your chance to ask questions and provide feedback too!

At our March meeting we also agreed to ask for the Community to be consulted when Puffing Billy Railway is formulating new initiatives and plans and for this idea to be incorporated in new Puffing Billy legislation currently going through our State Parliament.

We reviewed Licensee Plans for the Hills Hub and gave a number of opinions to a Council Representative.

The proposed sale of the Emerald Country Club land was also discussed along with our continuing plans to update the EVA's Memorandum of Understanding with the Cardinia Council and formulate our Business Plan for the year.

Would you like to let us know what your thoughts are about making Emerald an even better place to live in? Check out our Facebook and Web pages. You can even join us as a member!

**Shelley Beardshaw - EVA**

## EMERALD LADIES PROBUS

Emerald Ladies Probus has been providing friendship and fun for retired, and semi-retired ladies in the Emerald area for over 30 years.

Our club is non-fundraising and purely a social outlet to have fun with like-minded ladies.

You can hear wonderful guest speakers at our monthly meetings and have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities and outings held throughout the year. Regular meetings with friends can improve your health, keep your mind sharp and encourage a vibrant and enthusiastic attitude!

Our next meeting is Easter Monday 18th April. We welcome you to come along as a visitor to meet our members and consider joining our club. Meetings are held at the Emerald RSL on the third

Monday of each month (except December) at 10am.

Contact: - Linda Mclvor - [viewhigh@aol.com](mailto:viewhigh@aol.com)

**Linda Mclvor - Ladies Probus**

## EMERALD U3A

**MORNING TEA** at the Hills Hub, Emerald

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, from 10am until 12noon

Live life and get out! We'd love to meet you at this community gathering where light refreshments will be provided with your tea, and musical interludes will soothe your soul.

Meet old friends, make new ones and discover what U3A and the Hub have to offer.

For further details please contact:

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### New Courses

'The History of Rock Music' is commencing soon, and we are hoping to start 'Pickleball' as currently played at Knox U3A. It's a tennis/badminton/ping-pong hybrid played on a badminton sized court with paddles bigger than for ping-pong. Serves are underarm and the pickleball is plastic with holes. It's easy to play and easy on your body; fast-moving but also strategic, and is a good workout.

If enough people are interested it will be on a Tuesday afternoon at the Hub. If you want a way to get some more exercise and have fun at the same time, this might be your time to join U3A Emerald and play Pickleball!

**Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity**

## WHY I LIVE WHERE I LIVE

After 6yrs at a beautiful but difficult property in The Patch, 9 months ago I moved to my ideal retirement house in the heart of Emerald. I chose Emerald as my final home because it combines what is within me - country life with the benefits of the lovely Melbourne within proximity. I joined U3A Emerald while still at The Patch and found the people I am comfortable around. In them I found country values combined with city appreciation for the finer things in life, and concern for

looking after our piece of the planet, but not seeking to stop progress. Emerald's values align with mine.

**Heather Bishop**

**If you would like to tell Emerald why you "live where you live" - don't be shy. Send me an email. Address below.**

**WHERE AM I?**



I have grown from a seed that has its origins over 100 years ago.

The first correct entry will receive a \$15 voucher for The Laughing Fox.  
Last month's answer. Telopea Steps. Thanks to the great rebuilding work put in by the Meander, John's Hill and Emerald Lions. Contact: Dick Bartley - [dickbartley08@gmail.com](mailto:dickbartley08@gmail.com)

## **EMERALD VILLAGE NEWSAGENCY**

THANK YOU to Carl & Mary for their support for the Emerald community making the production of this Newsletter possible.

## **MUSIC AT THE EMERALD RSL**

The Emerald RSL will now have music at the Club on a Friday night every second week - Blues, Country and old Rock.

Next up is a country rock night - Friday 22nd April 7pm.

## **EMERALD VILLAGE EXERCISE & RECREATION**

Skateboard Park for Emerald



"Thank you so very much to [James Merlino](#) for chatting to us, and to the legendary group of young ones that came and asked questions, shared thoughts and dreams. I cannot wait to see where this leads."

**Vanessa Kewish - EVER**

## **VALE - LORNA DUGMORE**

Lorna Dugmore was born in Emerald in 1931 and would be remembered as a community-minded person according to son Rodney who helped the Emerald Museum with historical information, the local op shop, the William Angliss hospital and the womens church auxiliary. Lorna passed away in March 2022 and was commemorated with a huge service at St Mark's Church.

Lorna's father ran the first garage and taxi service in Emerald. She worked pumping petrol and was a recognised mobile hairdresser in Emerald. She told son Rodney about cooking rabbits and "leaving a bowl on the table for the lead bullet used to hunt their dinner"?

How times have changed!! Or have they? - with the rabbit population explosion in Emerald today!!

## REMEMBERING MAX

Max Ovenden passed away some months ago. Max was born and bred in Emerald. He was well known amongst the crew that met early mornings regularly outside Ritchies supermarket. Al Mills, the butcher nearby, took it on to have Max's name memorialised in perpetuity. Well done Al.



## THE MENS SHED - Men at Work

The Emerald Men's Shed (EMS) has just completed a joint project with the Emerald Primary School. Nathan Van Der Monde, teacher at the Primary School, worked with the Student Action Team (the Emerald Primary School student leadership group with one student from each year level from Grade 1-6) to come up with a design for an outdoor classroom /recreational area. The design resulted in the EMS being invited to construct three Picnic Tables and seven Planter Boxes with the Planter boxes being joined by bench seats. The Picnic tables and benches were constructed from Sienna Pine, which does not contain the same chemicals as in treated pine.

Anyone passing the EMS workshop during the construction period, would have seen enthusiastic Shed Members working on Tables, Planter Boxes and Bench Seats under the lead direction of Bob (our Vice President). The EMS was proud to provide our time free and also contribute towards the cost of materials.

**Epilogue:** Since completing the Emerald Primary School project the Emerald Men's Shed has been approached to build picnic tables and bench seats for Menzies Creek Primary School and for Macclesfield Primary School. Looks like we are going to be busy for some time.



## MEMBERSHIP - Emerald Village Association



[Lynne, Shelley and Heather braving the weather at the EPS Fair to chat with locals about joining the EVA.](#)

The Emerald Village Association represents you, the residents of Emerald. So why not join?

It costs nothing and you receive all the information about what's happening in your hometown.

The EVA meets monthly at The Hills Hub. So if you feel concerned or have an opinion that needs to be heard about what's happening in Emerald - come on and join and attend our meetings.

Just click on the QR code below to activate the membership form. Then post to the EVA or drop off at the Hills Hub, 420 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald.



## **ANZAC WALK**

With Anzac Day on the horizon, you may consider listening to the stories, narrated by Emerald's own John Shiells, of how the 32 men from Emerald lost their lives in WW1.

All you need to do is scan the QR code below and click the links. To really experience this journey, why not wander down to Anzac Walk and follow the stories on each information stand - starting outside the National Bank. It is a very powerful and moving experience.

**Peter Maloney: President, Emerald RSL**



**Anzac Walk QR code**

## **EVA WEBSITE - register events**

Community groups can now publicise their upcoming events on the EVA website with links to their Facebook page. To do so go to our website as per the below link or scan the QR code.

<https://www.emeraldvillagenews.com.au/whats-on-1>



## **LOCAL MONTHLY MARKETS**

Emerald ECH Market - 3rd Sunday

Rotary Trash & Treasure - 2nd Saturday

Gembrook Market - 4th Sunday

Cockatoo Market - 1st Saturday

Belgrave Big Dreams Market - 2nd Sunday

Belgrave Farmers - 4th Sunday

Monbulk Produce Market - 2nd Saturday

Upwey Farmers Market - 4th Sunday

## **FEEDBACK TO CARDINIA COUNCIL**

Have your say: Go to this Cardinia website to tell Council how you feel on any community project:

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

## **CARDINIA INFORMATION WEBSITES**

Council meeting minutes:

[https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download/meetings/id/1788/download\\_the\\_minutes](https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download/meetings/id/1788/download_the_minutes)

Major Projects Report:

[https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download/meetings/id/1787/item\\_651\\_-\\_major\\_projects\\_report](https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download/meetings/id/1787/item_651_-_major_projects_report)

Planning permit applications:

<https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/advertisedplanningapplications>

Public Notices:

[https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20007/your\\_share\\_and\\_council/176/public\\_notices](https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20007/your_share_and_council/176/public_notices)

Creating Cardinia - Consultation Opportunities:

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

## NEW SCOREBOARD AT JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The Emerald Junior Football Club is constructing a new digital scoreboard at Worrell Reserve.

It will be a welcome addition to those spectators to the footy.

Worrell Reserve upgrades are now virtually complete - new clubrooms, new ground, a new car park and now a new scoreboard.

Over 200 kids now enjoy this fantastic facility.



## EMERALD CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

Over 2500 local residents enjoy the benefits of membership of the Co-Op. Many hundred of thousands of dollars have been passed on to members who support our local Co-Op. So why not join? Cost is a once off \$50 which you will recoup in no time. Come on - **BUY LOCAL**

## FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

The Fire Danger Period is not currently in force (it was lifted on 28 March 2022). This means burning off is allowed in designated Bushfire Prone Areas in Cardinia Shire, provided the rules on Cardinia Shire website are followed. Residents are still advised to register their burnoff with the CFA (online).

## ANZAC BELL

In 1921 the Anzac Bell was dedicated outside St Mark's to commemorate the Emerald men and women who fought in WW1.

This year local identity Graeme Legge will ring the bell as the Anzac Day march passes by. Another Emerald institution resurrected.



## CFA TRAINING PROGRAM

The local CFAs have set up a training prop in the Puffing Billy yard behind Emerald station. Commencing Wednesday night 6th April local brigades will be doing live fire training in the train yard behind Ritchies. Flames will probably be visible from surrounding streets and fire trucks from different brigades will be in town. At all times during use, an exclusion zone will be established to keep the public and non CFA personnel a safe distance away. So don't be concerned. The CFA thanks Puffing Billy for their support.

## UNDER 18 NATIONAL CHAMPION



### CONGRATULATIONS KIARA FAVEL!

Emerald Secondary College student, Kiara Favel, has just won the U/18 National Championships in the 1500m! Great effort. Kiara's family said "Kiara travelled to Sydney recently to compete in the National Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. She competed in the Under 18 Women's 1500 metre event. She ran a very good tactical race and came home strongly to win Gold. This great result is a follow up from last year when she won Gold in the Under 17 800 metre race." This achievement can only happen with dedication, commitment and the willingness to excel. Well done Kiara and coach Brendan Dixon!

Courtesy ESC Facebook page.

### DIG IN COMMUNITY GROCERY

Right in the heart of the Emerald Shopping Centre, situated behind the CBA, the Dig In Community Grocery is an initiative of the Emerald Community House.

*"What can you buy at the Grocery? Locally grown organic produce, local products, vegetarian and vegan options and gifts, that's what. All under a not-for-profit, off-grid solar roof in the dress circle of Emerald."*

*Drop in for a FREE coffee or relax in our shady courtyard"*

Access via Murphy's Way or the new entrance to the parkland next door.

Open 9am Wed to Sat and Market Sunday.



## Emerald Village Association Community Meeting *Climate Change and the Adaption Strategy For the Emerald District*



Guest Speaker: Aruna Dias,

Environment Officer, Cardinia Shire Council

Hills Hub, Emerald @ 7.30pm

Wednesday, April 27th, 2022

### CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

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