

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

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month the EVA will be holding a community meeting in the Hills Hub hall on June 22nd at 7.30pm. A member of the community, Martin Mebalds, has great concerns about the increase in rabbit numbers in our district. A representative from the Dept of Agriculture will be the guest speaker. All members of our community are most welcome.

Each month the EVA planning committee meets to consider current developments and advise the EVA on the overall land use, social, environmental, strategic and statutory planning, development and conservation of the Emerald village and surrounds. If you have knowledge and skills in planning please contact me. The more expertise we have the better the outcomes we are trying to achieve.

The EVA now has 109 members which we believe will be a good representative sample of our community. Our aim is to have a representative from all the organisations in Emerald and surrounds.

The EVA has concerns about the management structure for the Hills Hub. Up till now the Shire funded a full-time Place Maker (coordinator) to develop the process for the use of this excellent resource but the funding for this is being cut this month. We believe Hills Hub requires considerable support from the Shire to maximise the potential of the facility.

The EVA is seeking sponsors who can help us fund this newsletter, the annual citizenship awards, our community insurance and hire fees for our

meetings. Please contact Peter Maloney or myself if you can help.

### Happenings around Emerald

1. PAVE did happen this year - at Gemco. Well done to all involved.
2. Work on the new toilet block at the east end of town outside The Hub has commenced.
3. The making of the two roads near the Emerald Museum have been completed.

**Dick Bartley - President EVA Inc.**

### RSL NEWS

The RSL was successful in receiving funds from the Victorian Government to seal the club car park and install seven new plaques on Anzac Place to acknowledge those Australians who fought in all other conflicts since federation.

Seen here with Club members are Deputy Premier, James Merlino, and Veterans Minister, Shaun Leane, on a visit to the Club last week. Both ministers were most impressed with Emerald's community RSL Club and agreed to return to unveil the new plaques when completed.



**Peter Maloney - President, Emerald RSL Inc.**

## 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.

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 next meeting is Monday 20th June when one of our members is our guest speaker and she'll be talking about the "Goodwood Revival". Not only is this a popular historic motor racing event in the UK but it's also a "step back in time" festival capturing the nostalgia of living in the 40s, 50s and 60s. We welcome you to come along as a visitor to listen to our guest speaker, meet our members, enjoy some morning tea and consider joining our club.

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

**Linda McIvor**

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## ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

Our club recently stepped in to help the Salvation Army collect funds for the annual Red Shield Appeal. Positioned outside the busy bakery in Kilvington Drive, we raised \$430.90. Thank you to everyone who dug deep and generously donated to this worthy annual fundraising drive. The funds will help the Salvation Army deliver its services and programs to help people experiencing homelessness and other crises to find a way back into a safe and stable life.

Let it be said that our club is technologically proficient when it comes to running hybrid meetings via Zoom. Owing to our strong commitment to keeping members connected and engaged during the ongoing COVID-19 lockdowns, we pivoted, adapted and evolved, technologically-speaking. Now, many of our members, visitors and guest speakers participate in the weekly meetings from the comfort of their homes. In acknowledgment of our efforts and technological tenacity, we are now a Certified Hybrid Meeting Club.

Our club is friendly, vibrant and action-oriented, making a difference locally and abroad. Be our guest at an upcoming meeting. We meet every Tuesday at The Paradise Valley Hotel in Clematis - 6.45pm for 7.00pm start. Phone 0408 769 491 or visit <https://emeraldrotary.org.au/> to find out more.



Two local children gave generously for the Red Shield Appeal, gratefully received by Rotary President Shalini Penny.

**Ros Weadman - Publicity**

## EVA REPORT

The committee has had a busy year to date and several important documents have now been completed. One of these was our comprehensive Submission to the Council's Draft Budget 2022-23, for which Council's CEO sent a holding reply expressing their sincere appreciation and congratulations for EVA's constructive and extensive paper. They are working through it and expect to provide detailed feedback by the end of June.

Our website will soon be updated with the above document and others, including:

EVA's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Response to Council 17<sup>th</sup> March;

MOU with Council 2022-25; and Business Plan 2022-26.

Upcoming EVENTS:

**EVA Community Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> June**, starting at 7:30pm, at the Hills Hub

**Topic: "Feral Rabbits in the Emerald District"**

Speaker: Annie Lamb

Leading Officer, Invasives, Biosecurity and Agricultural Services, Agriculture Victoria.

**Monday June 20, 7-9pm Road Show** jointly hosted with The Yarra Valley Community Power Hub RoadShow: "*The work of **the Community Power Hub** and What it can do for you*".

**Heather Bishop - EVA Secretary**

## EMERALD U3A

Management of our beautiful Hills Hub is being steered by a Hills Hub Operations Group made up with representatives from Council and local organisations using the building.

U3A is represented by our President Pat Buoncristiani and V-P Dale Allen. The building is in demand as a venue for art displays, and we hope that Council will continue to have some staff working from the office. Organisations using the building will continue to fill the volunteer role of Hills Hub Host based at the reception desk from 10am to 1pm on weekdays.

Sadly, the council's 'Place-Maker' Anna Benjamin will be leaving on June 10th.

### New Class:

Classical Musical Outings is a new social group that will travel together to enjoy live performances.

Anne Bartley will be course leader and by the time you are reading this, it should be included on our Course list in U-MAS which you can access here.

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

### Male Voices Needed!

'Over the Hills Singers' meet weekly at the Hills Hub from 4-6pm every Wednesday. It is two hours of fun and uplifting good vibes! Their program includes warm up exercises, canons/rounds; songs in unison and harmony of various genres - traditional, folk, musicals, spirituals and modern.

If you are not a member of U3A yet, you can join online then register for as many classes/groups as you like

**Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity**

## WHERE AM I?



If you can identify this photo contact Dick Bartley and win a gift voucher to The Laughing Fox.

Last month the answer was the picture on top of the notice board on the nature strip near IGA. Winner - Samanthe Griffiths. Contact: Dick Bartley - [dickbartley08@gmail.com](mailto:dickbartley08@gmail.com)

## 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.

**Blues night - Friday 10th June 7pm - Jimi Hocking**

Rock & Roll 50's and 60's - Friday 24th June 7pm - Woolstreet

## EMERALD RSL PRESENTS -



- **Where** - Emerald RSL, 3 Memorial Ave. Emerald.
- **When** – Friday Night - the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2022
- **What Times** – 7.30 pm till 10.30 pm.
- Doors open at 7.00 pm.
- Mobile Contact - Tracey -0411 675 513
- **Admission** - \$20.00 per person.
- Drinks available at bar prices.



## PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY NEWS

Puffing Billy Railways are delighted to announce the launch of their -

**Train of Lights** experience; an evening train travelling light show and the first of its kind in Australia!

From Friday 24 June – Sunday 10 July 2022, the Train of Lights will take passengers on a return journey that departs from Lakeside to Gembrook, immersing guests in bright colours, hypnotic patterns, and native wild animal projections that leap onto the passing dark Wright Forest, historic timber trestle bridges, and open rolling hills of the Gembrook countryside.

Feel free to share with your network of family and friends. Popular dates are expected to fill quickly, and we look forward to welcoming guests to the Railway this winter.

**Sheena Dang - PBR Communications**

## DRREA - WHEN THE GRID GOES DOWN - seminar

Whether it be a storm, bushfire, a falling tree, or even flood it is highly likely that in an emergency situation in our region the Grid Power will go off. The aim of this seminar is to examine and discuss strategies for you to maintain a level of functionality and critical

communications in your home, during what may be a few hours a few days or even weeks of no mains power.

**Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30-9.00 pm**

Venue: Emerald Hills Hub 402 Belgrave – Gembrook Road Emerald

**Presentations and Q&A will be followed by discussion and refreshments.**

Presenters:

Ian Conibeer, a long time member of DRREA and technician with many years experience in the renewables industry

Ewen Williams, MTCO Electrical Monbulk, an electrician with broad experience in solar and off grid systems

Russell Marnock, Electronics Engineer retired and treasurer of DRREA.

**Peter Cook - DRREA Convenor**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**CREATIVE NETWORKING NIGHT**

Friday 10 June 2022 from 6pm - 8pm

Gather together with fellow local creatives and artists to network and discover creative opportunities within Cardinia Shire.

This free networking night will be focussed on utilising the Hills Hub arts and performance space for creative development/residencies.

Council is proud to partner with local radio station 3MDR 97.1FM for this event.

Catering from The General Food Store will be provided.

**Bookings are essential: [www.trybooking.com/BZOOY](http://www.trybooking.com/BZOOY)**

Cardinia **ALIVE WITH CREATIVITY**

# Reconciliation Art Exhibition at the Hills Hub

**Date:** Friday 27 May - Saturday 25 June 2022

**Time:** 10am - 1pm Monday to Friday

**Address:** Hills Hub, 402 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald VIC 3782

Through the 2022 theme "**Be Brave. Make Change.**", National Reconciliation Week (NRW) encourages all Australians to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives. NRW will be happening from Friday 27 May - Friday 3 June in 2022.

Schools from the local district have contributed artworks by students. The artworks showcase the students reflections on what reconciliation means to them.

## Opening event

The Hills Hub will be hosting a Reconciliation Art Exhibition opening event on Friday 27 May from 10:30am. The event will include a Welcome to Country and a traditional music performance including didgeridoo and clap sticks.

## Other Activities

During National Reconciliation Week, activities for the community include:

- an interactive blackboard display for reflections,
- sea of hands installation pledging to make change, and
- an Indigenous map of Australia where community members can share where and how they connected to Indigenous culture and history.



## EMERALD ARTS SOCIETY

# SERIGRAPHY SILK SCREEN PRINTING

EMERALD  
ARTS  
Society



**SAT 18th June 2022**

**TIME:** 10 am - 4 pm

**LOCATION:** EAS Studio,  
Cnr Church & Anne Sts

**COST:** \$150 members  
\$185 non-members.

**LEVEL:** Open to beginners or any level  
Adults and Students (min 16yrs)

**PROVIDED:** Art materials, morning and afternoon  
tea will be supplied.

**BRING:** Your own lunch. If you want to print  
onto material bring a washed tee shirt, hessian  
bag, tea towel or apron. Also bring any sketches  
or photographs so you can make your stencils.

### ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

Andy Warhol made a resurgence in the popularity of silk screen printing with his Campbell soup cans and prints of Marilyn Monroe.

In this workshop, we will be cutting a series of stencils which will adhere to the silk and then ink will be pressed through with a squeegee onto paper or fabric. You can make more than one print in the day.

### THE TEACHER:

Gina has been an educator and practicing artist in Australia, USA, Canada, and the UK. Her abstract painting is experimental, spontaneous and full of energy often combined with a mix of other media.

Gina also does Chinese Brush Painting where she focuses on native plants and animals. She is experienced in a number of printmaking arts and techniques.

### BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

Contact Gina on 0400 598 059  
email [ginaamaymiller@icloud.com](mailto:ginaamaymiller@icloud.com)

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[emeraldartsociety.com.au](http://emeraldartsociety.com.au)



## 3MDR - COMMUNITY RADIO

We in the hills are fortunate to have a thriving community radio station - 3MDR 97.1FM

One of the presenters is Avonsleigh resident - Jules Vines whose show features on Saturday mornings. Tune in and enjoy beautiful eclectic music.



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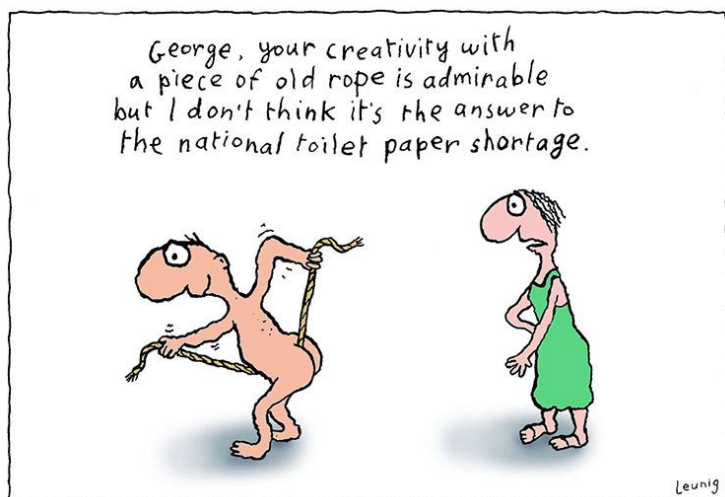
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## LAUGH A MINUTE

Remember when.....courtesy of Michael Leunig.



## MEANDER

### Nature Conservation Reserve Telopea Road Entry Restoration Project

In 2021 Meander... a group caring for the Menzies Creek and Emerald Tourist Track and Emerald Lions Club, were finally able to restore the Telopea Road Steps, undertake drainage works, weed and plant beside them. This was an amazing 500+ hour effort by a small number of volunteers using an Australian Government Communities Environment Program grant for materials.

Please volunteer your time to help. Particularly if you live in the vicinity of Menzies Creek.

Working bees are held on the first Wednesday and third Sunday mornings in the month

**Kate Forster - Convenor M 0477 174 999**

## ST MARKS - "OP SHOP"

### Still Going Strong: The 'New Normal' for Emerald "Opportunity" Shop

It's been a long time between drinks. Due to COVID the last Emerald Op Shop Annual Volunteers Lunch was held all the way back in 2019. But on May 20<sup>th</sup> they gathered again to celebrate 32 years of serving the community. On this side of the pandemic all our volunteers are still helping out, along with a few new faces!

Looking back to 1990 when the Op Shop was launched, we can say that the world has certainly changed a lot since then. But the needs that the Op Shop serves still remain. In fact, in these difficult times it is even more important for our community to have a

source of inexpensive household items and a chance for social connection that the shop provides.

St. Mark's Anglican Church provides the space for the shop and a committee of volunteers from the church manage the operations, but since its inception Emerald Op Shop has always directed the proceeds of our sales towards supporting local community organisations and charitable efforts. Since 1990 the Op Shop has taken over \$1.3 million and returned this in financial support to the Hills community. We currently partner with Emerald and Clematis CFA branches and give towards youth and children's programs in the area. We also support a variety of smaller projects and emergency needs such as Emerald Carols, Cockatoo Foodbank, the SES and bushfire and flood relief efforts. We continually look for new places to contribute.

What does the future hold for Emerald Op Shop? Maybe no-one knows what the 'new normal' will be in 2022 and beyond, but we expect that the Op Shop will continue to develop new product lines, welcome new people and build relationships, and engage with our digital world of social media and online sales. But the same values of service and community that first inspired the shop will always remain the same.

Enquiries from potential volunteers are always welcome. Shifts are generally three hours at a time and there are a variety of tasks to undertake. If you enjoy meeting and working with lots of people this is a role for you. Just come down and have a chat with our volunteers to get started.

Emerald St Marks Op Shop is located at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 1 Church St Emerald, with a variety of opening hours during the week. Follow us on Facebook for details of our opening hours and special deals.



**Andrew Bowles - Vicar of St Marks**

## EVA PUBLIC MEETING



### "Feral Rabbits in the Emerald District"

#### THE DAMAGE CAUSED:

- Overgrazing native and sown pastures & thorn
- Loss of plant biodiversity and reduced crop yields
- They compete with native animals and our livestock for food and shelter
- They can spread disease

Control is complicated because both native and introduced predators feed on feral rabbits.

#### CREATE ACTION

**AT THE HILLS HUB  
STARTING AT 7:30PM  
ON WED 22ND JUNE**

**SPEAKER:  
ANNIE LAMB,  
Leading Officer, Invasives,  
Biosecurity & Agricultural  
Services, Agriculture Vic.**



**LET'S JOIN THE CONVERSATION**

## EMERALD HISTORY

It is important that we, residents of Emerald, appreciate and learn more about our heritage and the characters who have preceded us.

One such person is Dr Ian Macleod "Spud" Murphy.

*Those of you who did not reside in the area before 1980 may not know the interesting history of the early days of medicine in the hills.*

*This is a brief history. The first hills pioneer doctor was in Belgrave, Dr Francis, who was followed closely by Dr Elef Jorgensen in 1926 who lived in a small home on the hill above the Main rd in Belgrave and where he treated his patients.*

*In 1931 Dr Elef Jorgensen built a new home in the same area, this beautiful bluestone home still stands today opposite the Cameo theatre in Belgrave. Also at that time he set up a 4 bed hospital behind his new home which was run by sister Keys, a war nurse. Doctors Francis and Dr Jorgensen worked together including travelling to Emerald to hold weekly clinics in a small back room of the Emerald Coffee Palace ( it was located in Puffing Billy Place) and later in rooms of Mickleborough's chemist shop. It would be many years before a resident doctor came to Emerald.*



*Dr Ian MacLeod Murphy was born in 1905 and was raised as a child by his grandparents in Ballarat. His father, Sir Stephen Murphy C.M.C., was the Chief Justice of Bombay, India.*

*To his friends and family he was known as 'Spud'. Ian was educated at Ballarat College and Geelong College, he was to be Cox in Head of the River competitions, and loved this past time while in college at Geelong. The Emerald museum holds memorabilia from this time belonging to Dr Murphy.*

*In 1939 after gaining his medical degree at Melbourne University, he volunteered as ship's medical officer in the navy. One story he told was of being very short on medical supplies off the coast of Darwin; he used pawpaw as a poultice on tropical ulcers with great success. He served on the 'HMAS Napier' and met Winston Churchill who was on board during this time. Dr Ian was also involved with the Rats of Tobruk and the evacuation of Crete.*

*In 1947 after having a successful medical practice in Hampton, Dr and his wife Margaret, decided to retire, and purchased a property in Edenmont Rd, Clematis, and naming it 'Kirkcubbin', their intention was to breed turkeys.*

***There was no retirement;*** *the community of Emerald were desperate for a resident doctor, hence rooms were built over the chemist shop in the Main Rd and became the medical practice. Sister Noni Smith from Gembrook ran the reception rooms for doctor. For the next 34 years Dr Murphy provided medical care, working seven days a week travelling all over the hills*

without any assistance. He made house calls in all weather, many a time changing into his gum boots and riding on the back of a tractor to see a patient. As well as locals there were many Italian families new to the area especially around Gembrook he would visit at any time. There were no made roads and very remote areas especially driving on your own at night. No mobile phones in those days.

Doctor would also find time to visit his patients in Ferntree Gully hospital (now The Angliss) His pet dog Ginger Mick went everywhere with him and would never let anyone near his car.

Many families could not afford the doctor's services, therefore they would never receive an account, and if they did pay, the cheques were never cashed. Often Dr was given fruit and vegetables as payment, this was because all people had many living off the land. I remember Dr Murphy coming to our farm night after night to visit my mother who had pneumonia, it was always about 8pm after he had finished his consultations, then he would start his home visits.

Dr Murphy was awarded the British Empire Medal for his devotion to the health of the community.

This busy man had many interests including playing golf at Emerald Country Club, he had an arrangement with the management; if he was needed they would ring the bell three times. He also arranged dinner parties at a local hotel every 3 months or so inviting many families to attend. He loved entertaining, this occasion was held for many years, known to the locals as Dr Murphy's dinner, you were honoured if invited to attend. When the time came for a speech he would ring his replica of a ship's bell for attention at these events. Doctor Murphy put in a proposal for an ambulance service in Emerald as far back as the 1960's which he had planned to go on the site of the now Emerald community house. It took many years of local fund raising for the community to see an ambulance stationed in Emerald

Ian MacLeod Murphy was very proud of his Scottish ancestry being related to Dame Flora MacLeod of Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye, the seat of the MacLeod clan. He always wore his yellow and black MacLeod tartan kilt with a homemade sporran.

Dr Ian was a founding member of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club and the Ancient Mariners Club - a club for ex-navy men in Dandenong. Nothing took priority over his profession. He had a special interest in cooking, many patients were given his special recipes including; 'put a tablespoon of whiskey on your porridge', and 'inject your steak and sausages with a good port for the ultimate flavour', were a couple of his suggestions. He was also an active member of the Emerald RSL.

In 1981 at the age of 76 years, still working, Dr Murphy suffered a heart attack and died at home. A public

meeting was held in October 1981 to set up a memorial fund in his name, to provide financial support for local students who are studying in the medical profession.. The meeting was opened by Mr. Tom Dalzeil, a long time friend, said."This is a living memory, the finest tribute a community can pay to a dedicated man." The "Dr Murphy Memorial Scholarship" still takes place each year.

His wife Margaret was a delightful lady who devoted her time to teaching piano lessons for children and adults over many years. Her studio was in the old bakery, behind the Commonwealth Bank, I remember when she took this over she said 'I spent many many hours scrubbing flour and dough from the brick floor in the baking room'. She transformed the area into a lovely music studio where musical concerts were held each Christmas for her students to perform. She was a classical pianist in her own right, and had many friends; she was greatly admired by the community.

Dr George Somers took over the practice after Dr Murphy's death and initiated the naming of Murphy's Way in his memory. Recently we have seen the upgrade of Emerald Medical Centre that started from such small beginnings with a man who came to Clematis to retire. I am sure he would be very proud to see the wonderful medical services we have today.

**Chris Britton**

## **CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL**

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