

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

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

The main objective of the EVA newsletter is to inform the Emerald community of local happenings and issues and encourage residents to get involved. The EVA website and Facebook page, The Emerald Messenger and the Star Trader Mail newspaper are also good sources of local information.

Our newsletter is available outside the Emerald Newsagency, the Hills Hub, the Library, Woolworths, Auto Plus Service Station and some of the Cafes. The notice boards on Stapleton Walk and the IGA wall are also a great way to keep up to date.

The public meeting on how to control **Feral Rabbits in the Emerald District** was very well attended. A report on this meeting which was held in the Hills Hub hall is included in this newsletter. Thank you to Martin Mebalds and Yvette Hayes for securing speakers and arranging this meeting.

The EVA thanks the sponsors who have joined up to help fund this newsletter and EVA operations - the citizenship awards, our insurance costs and Hills Hub fees for our meetings.

### WHERE AM I

Last month the answer was located outside the Welfare Centre in the main street. Number 3 on the Heritage Trail which was developed by local historian Chris A'Vard.

One of the great features of Emerald is that we have great views in all directions. This month's photo was taken from the east end of town. Where was the photo taken from? Contact Dick Bartley [dickbartley08@gmail.com](mailto:dickbartley08@gmail.com)



### THE EMERALD LAKE PARK

Some folks associate the Park exclusively with Puffing Billy. It is really a great resource for all Emerald residents. Many people found the many trails during the 5km limits we had during the Covid lockdowns.

The shire is currently developing a new **ELP MASTER PLAN**. The planning committee of the EVA will review and provide input. We would be interested in local community members to take the opportunities to become involved.

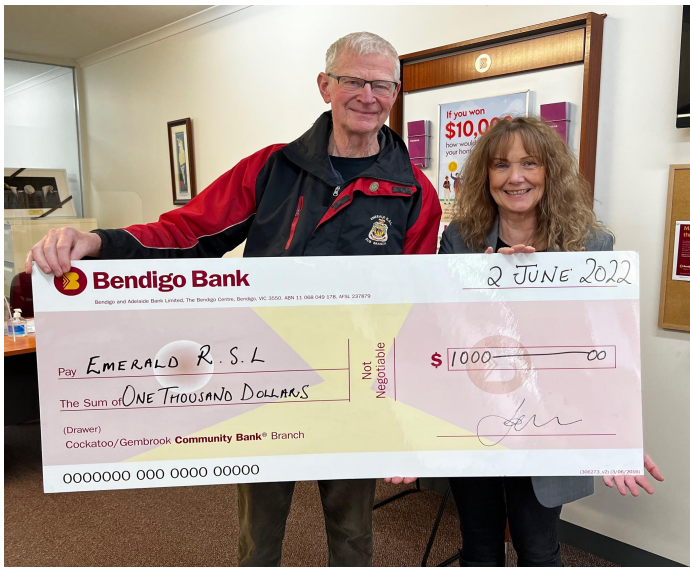
### Happenings

1. The new toilet block near the Hub.
2. The next roads to be paved include Boundary Road East.
3. The Puffing Billy night "Lights" train during the school holidays

**Dick Bartley - President EVA Inc.**

## RSL NEWS

The RSL received a \$1000 grant from the Bendigo Bank. Very much appreciated. Our local bank supporting the community groups.



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

## EMERALD LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Are you a retired, or semi-retired lady, who's looking for a social avenue to meet new people? Why not join Emerald Ladies Probus Club? Our Probus Club has been providing friendship and fun for over 30 years and those members who discovered us have never looked back.

You can hear wonderful guest speakers at our monthly meetings, and you'll have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities and outings held throughout the year. Our club is non-fundraising and purely a social outlet to 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 Monday 18 July when our guest speaker will be Heather Ellis. Heather is a motorcycle adventurer and author who rode solo across Africa and Central Asia along the Silk Roads to China on her Yamaha TT600.

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.

**Linda McIvor**

Enquiries: [ladiespce123@gmail.com](mailto:ladiespce123@gmail.com)

## ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

July sees a change of the Presidents for Emerald Rotary. Shalini Penny now hands over to Marcus Adams who will lead the Club for the next 12 months. It may be a change of the Presidents - however Emerald Rotary continues to channel all its energies as per our Mission Statement "Working together to create positive change in the wellbeing of our community and beyond".

A major coup for Emerald Rotary – our very own Ken Miller, selected from 42 Clubs in our District became the Club's first ever District Governor on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Following a two-year hiatus, we are excited to be able to get back to running our community events and already have dates in our calendar of 30<sup>th</sup> August for the finals of our Primary Schools Speech Contest, 4<sup>th</sup> December for the Kids Fun Run with Thomas in Gembrook and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for the next Debutante Ball. We are working on many more initiatives and aim to hold the Pride of Workmanship Awards and many more of our signature events in the coming year.

For July, the Emerald Rotary Market will be hibernating. To find out more about the Rotary Club and the Market visit

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfEmeraldDistrict>

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.



Rotary District Governor - Emerald resident Ken Miller

**Shalini Penny - President**

### MUSIC AT THE EMERALD RSL

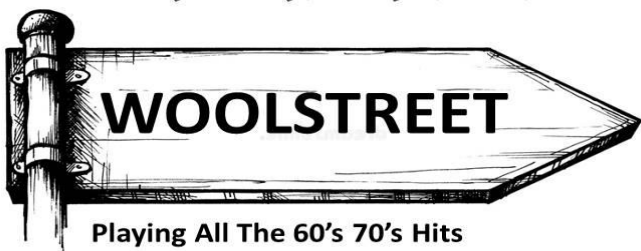
The Emerald RSL will now have music at the Club on a Friday night every second week - Blues, Country and old Rock.

#### Blues night - Friday 8th July 7pm - James Southwell

Rock & Roll 60's and 70's - Friday 22nd July 7.30pm - featuring "Woolstreet"



#### EMERALD RSL PRESENTS -



- **Where** - Emerald RSL, 3 Memorial Ave. Emerald.
- **When** - Friday Night - the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2022
- **Band** - 7.30 pm till 10.30 pm.
- **Mobile Contact** - Tracey -0411 675 513
- **Admission** - \$20.00 per person.
- Drinks available at great prices.
- Bring Your Own Nibblies.
- Great Raffle Prizes supporting the RSL



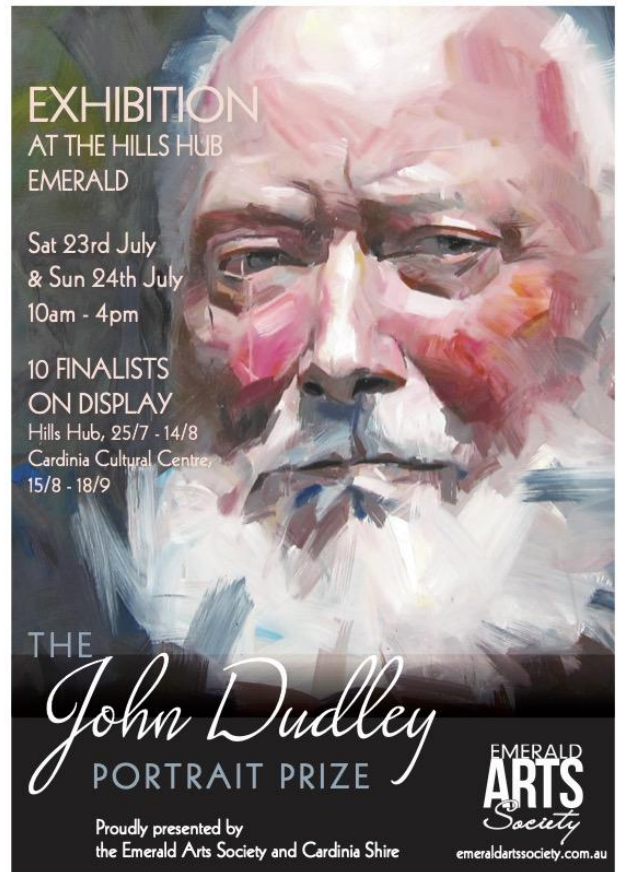
### PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY NEWS

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.

The train is still running through the school holidays. It is booked out but the experience just watching the train travelling through our countryside has had many viewers enthralled.

### EMERALD ARTS SOCIETY



### EMERALD AND THE 2021 CENSUS

In August last year Australians were asked to complete a census. These are held every five years. On June 29 the Australian Bureau of Statistics released the first results, which includes profiles of all communities including the Emerald 3782 postcode area. You can find the full Emerald profile at this website:

<https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL20868> This site also compares the data

between Emerald, Victoria and Australia.

Here are some highlights for Emerald.

- Population 5,890 - this was an increase of 112 persons from the last census in 2016
- Median Age is 43 – in Victoria and Australia it's 38
- Percentage under 20 years 24.9 (In 2016 it was 26.3) in Victoria it is 23.6 and Australia 23.9
- Percentage over 60 years 25.2 (In 2016 it was 23.7) in Victoria it's 22.4 and Australia 23.0
- Country of birth Australia 80%, next is England 6.8%
- No religion 60% (Victoria 38.8%) Catholic 12.5% Anglican 10.1%
- Language used at home other than English – Spanish 0.7%, German 0.5%, Japanese 0.5%
- Median Weekly Income Personal \$851, (Victoria \$803), Household \$2,119 (Victoria \$1,759)
- Provided unpaid care for 1 or more children in 2 weeks before Census 30.8% (Victoria 26.3%)
- Did voluntary work through an organisation or group (last 12 months) 18% (Victoria 13.3%)
- Long term health conditions – arthritis 9.7%, mental health 9.2%, asthma 8.9%
- Dwellings with 3 or more cars 34.2%, (Victoria 18.4%)
- Dwellings percentage rented 8.3%, (Victoria 28.5%)

**Trevor Budge - EVA Committee**

## **EVA MEETING - FERAL RABBITS**

### **Emerald Hopping Mad**

Fact - a single pair of rabbits can have up to 164 offspring in eighteen months.

On Wednesday 22nd of April a large group of interested Emerald and surrounds property owners met and listened to Annie and Drew, Biosecurity Officers with the Department of Agriculture, talk about the growing problem of rabbits in Emerald and surrounding districts.

Local residents, Yvette Hayes and Martin Mebalds had asked the EVA to convene a meeting to see if, collectively, residents and neighbours can work with each other to assess the rabbit problem, and work out a co-ordinated solution to managing a growing problem. Residents spoke of damage to fencing, chewing of internet cables, destruction of habitat for wildlife and pasture.

Then how to assess numbers and locations, the need for coordinated humane action and detailed information on the types of controls available. Total eradication is not possible, rather a systematic community led collaboration and action plan.

More information? Contact Yvette on their Facebook Group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/399943664924713/>



## **USA EMERALD**

Our Family Fun Day held in conjunction with the Emerald Library on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June was a great success.

**Save the date: Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July – Winter Warmer at the Hub.**

Details will be published on our Facebook page closer to the time, and fliers posted on notice boards around town.

### **Course matters:**

1. Enrolment has already reached 19 for the new course *Classical Music Concerts*, introduced by Anne Bartley. They plan to attend musical concerts in various venues throughout Melbourne, approximately every second month.
2. Eddie Vaughan's *Seven Centuries of Music* will run again for 10 weeks, commencing Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.
3. Pickleball will commence once a venue has been secured.
4. Dick Bartley's *Australia and World History* will be undertaking a special topic during Terms 2 and 3: *Indigenous History Pre-1788*. There is some capacity to include new people in this class, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays each month.

Nominations for **Senior-of-the-Year-Award 2022** have opened. By nominating a deserving person,

you can help make sure the outstanding contributions of senior Victorians are recognized.

More details can be found on [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au)

**Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity**

## **EMERALD COMMUNITY HOUSE NEWS**

The Dig In Community Grocery has been nominated and shortlisted for the 2022 Victoria Premier's Sustainability Award. The off grid enterprise operates on a cost recovery method, purchasing food from local suppliers, accepting donations from local growers and retailing at reduced cost. We also resource free food shelves which are open to everyone and keeps food out of landfill.

Our Term 3 short course program includes fire arts workshops (clay, glass and metal works), creative writing, renewable energy and permaculture. Occasional childcare still has some space for under 5s, operating from 9.30-2.30 on Mon, Tues and Friday.

Volunteer opportunities abound in our Children's Hobby Garden which grows food for our childcare programs, Dig In Grocery and volunteer pickings. We have a greenhouse to erect on site for seedlings and propagation as well as new winter plants to add to our many wicking boxes.

We make twice monthly trips to the FoodBank in Dandenong where we purchase and pick up over 700 kg of supplies. Assistance with unloading the trailer and stock the shelves would be appreciated.

Volunteers for the Emerald Market would also be welcome. Our AGM is coming up and we welcome interested people to nominate for our Committee of Management which meets on average 6 times a year. Anyone interested in releasing their inner volunteer in the food and garden enterprises or writing/proofing for the Emerald Messenger, please call ECH on 59683881 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 10am and 3pm or email [emhouse@iinet.net.au](mailto:emhouse@iinet.net.au).

**Mary Farrow - Convenor**

## **COVID - HILLS PHYSIOTHERAPY ADVICE**

The COVID-19 Pandemic has caused considerable impact to the health and wellbeing of our community over the past 2 years. Although many people recover and return to full function, we recognise that some people experience persistent symptoms from either infection or hospitalisation. These symptoms may include:

- fatigue
- breathlessness
- intolerance of activity
- psychological distress
- reduced muscular strength and endurance.

These are well documented in scientific literature and we have seen them in our clinical experience as well. What can we do to speed up recovery? Hills Physiotherapy is running a program which involves:

- Assessment of function, symptoms, impact to quality of life
- Individualised exercise to address the impairments and symptoms experienced following COVID-19 infection, including the improvement of strength and endurance
- Graduated return to normal life and daily activities.

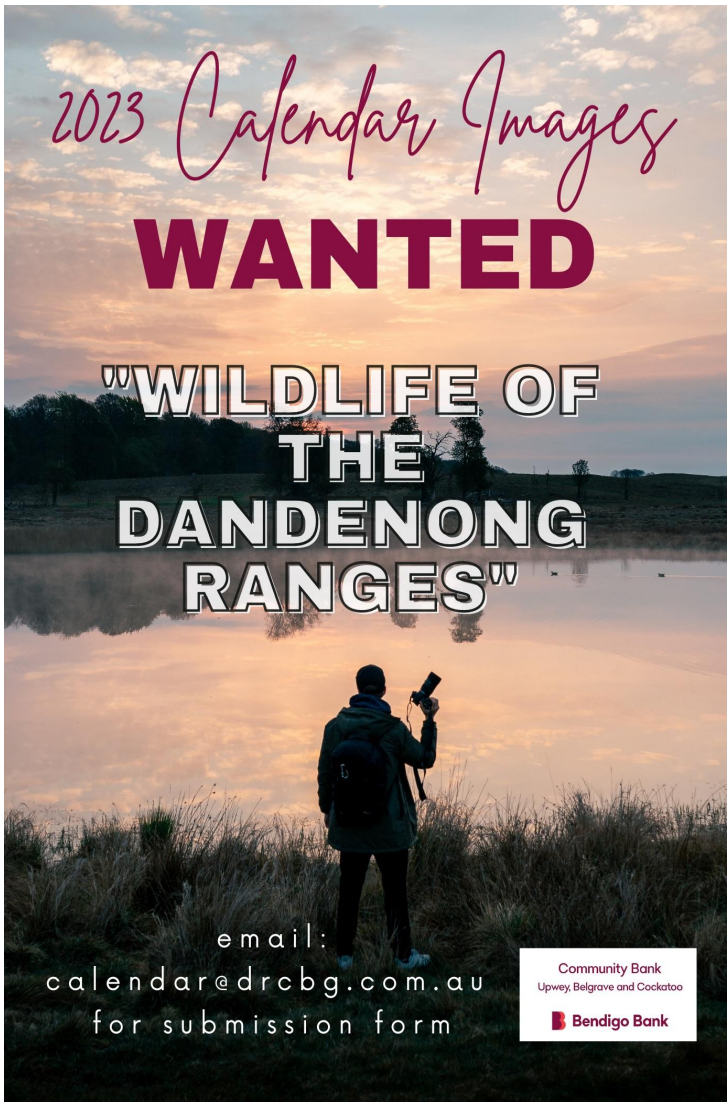
We know many people who have tried to graduate their return to normal life and struggled, having frequent crashes back to exhaustion and then feeling miserable and starting again. If you or someone you know is experiencing the symptoms above following a COVID-19 infection and needs to get back to normal then contact the clinic or book online for an assessment. #SHORTERCOVID

**Ben Kewish - Principal**

## **BENDIGO BANK CALENDAR**

Community Bank Upwey, Belgrave and Cockatoo-Gembrook are producing a calendar for their customers and shareholders and they would like to invite Dandenong Ranges locals to submit up to two photos for consideration.

**Suzan Prass - Community Liaison Officer**



The purpose of the Strategy is to provide Council and the Cardinia community with a framework and direction for the long-term planning, development, management, and maintenance of sport and active recreation facilities within Cardinia Shire Council. The strategy will also provide a blueprint for supporting a healthier and more active, inclusive, and connected community, through partnerships, services, and programs – sports development and active recreation. We are seeking assistance to promote across the shire as we want to make residents' voices heard in shaping active living for current and future communities. To contribute, fill in the survey link below.

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

**Major Projects Reports**

[https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download/meetings/id/1855/item\\_652\\_-\\_major\\_projects\\_report](https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download/meetings/id/1855/item_652_-_major_projects_report)

**Public Notices**

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

**Road Sealing Projects - Emerald**

- Legg Road package
- Christian Avenue package
- Old Gembrook Road package

**Helena Moloney - Shire Community Development**

**CARDINIA - BURN OFF RULES**

Burning off in July is now prohibited.

Fires must not be lit between 1st and 31st July across any zone in Cardinia Shire. This is to prevent excessive smoke from wet fuel, as winter is our wettest month. Consider other disposal methods during July.

**CARDINIA COUNCIL NEWS**

Link to:

Special Council Meeting Minutes - 27th June

[https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download/meetings/id/1861/download\\_the\\_minutes](https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/download/meetings/id/1861/download_the_minutes)

**Active Cardinia Strategy**

We would also like to take this opportunity to promote the Active Cardinia Strategy which is open for consultation until Monday 11 July. We want to know 'How you move'.

**FRIENDS OF EMERALD CEMETERY**



(Friends and Carers of Emerald Section of Greater Metropolitan Cemetery Trust)

F.A.C.E.S. is a volunteer community group who garden each Monday morning at Emerald Cemetery, caring for the surrounds and older grave sites and supporting the GMCT workers.

The community is invited to join us in the annual pruning of the roses on any of the following dates.  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July and 1st August.**

Weather permitting. Time - 10:00 -12:00. BYO own tools, gloves and mug. Further information - 59684603

**Sheila Hampson - Convenor**

## GRAEME LEGGE AM



One of Emerald’s eminent senior citizens, Graeme Legge, was recently honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list with an AM for his service to Emerald over 70 years. Graeme, a teacher by profession, has served Emerald, his birthplace, in many areas of activity - CFA, Ambulance, Council, Scouts and the Uniting Church. The list goes on. Congratulations Graeme.

## EMERALD MEN'S SHED

The Emerald Men's Shed tries to utilise recycled (second-hand) timber in our projects and only purchase new timbers when necessary.

In this regard, we are asking the local community for donations of any good quality timber. Generally timber that is longer than, say 1 metre, and not rotten or full of nails is desired. Decking, as shown in the photo, would be most welcome.

If you have something that you think we may like, please call the Men's Shed on 0490 851 835 or email us on [mensshedemerald@gmail.com](mailto:mensshedemerald@gmail.com)



## EVA SPONSORS - THANK YOU

The EVA requires funds to operate as a community group that represents Emerald. It is solely run by volunteers of course. Men and women who love our township and take great pleasure in putting back into it.

For this reason, and the need to publish this Newsletter, we put out to the Emerald business community for financial support.

To this end we have 3 levels of sponsorship:

- GOLD - \$500 per annum
- SILVER - \$250 per annum
- BRONZE - \$100 per annum

Attached to this Newsletter are 2 pages of Sponsors. We give a big SHOUT OUT to these businesses and certainly encourage all Emerald residents to support them. We expect this list to grow in future editions of the Newsletter.

## OUR EMERALD



Courtesy Bells Real Estate

# EMERALD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB - REPORT



At just over the halfway mark of the season both our Seniors and Reserves Footballers and our Netballers have solidified themselves in a great spot to attack the run into finals. Our Senior Footballers currently sit third on the ladder after a couple of disappointing losses but look forward to finishing the year strongly.

The U/19 boys have played some brilliant football, sometimes undermanned and currently sit fourth in a very close and open competition.

The A grade Netballers are also sitting third on their ladder and enjoying a great year.



**Mark Pedder - President**

# FROM THE EAST END OF TOWN - coming soon



## CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

The EVA acknowledges the financial support of the Cardinia Shire Council in making the publication of this Newsletter possible.



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