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EMERALD LAKE MASTER PLAN

A SUMMARY OF EVA SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL

Emerald Lake



The EVA supports the key elements of the Masterplan

- A commitment of over \$13m to implement the Plan
- An upgrade of the existing play space which includes zero depth water play
- New shelters and picnic areas throughout the precinct
- Amphitheatre upgrades
- Improvements in the Nobelius Heritage Park
- Path network and signage upgrades.
- Redeveloping a Cafe at the Paddle Boats pontoon.
- Dedicated Fishing areas
- Upgraded Lakeside toilets
- Playground to include Sand Pit, Tube slides, Flying Fox, Ropes Course
- Continuing recognition, protection and management of the Precinct's natural and built heritage.

The EVA urges Council to ensure that sufficient funds are allocated to support the ongoing maintenance of the Precinct.

The EVA submits that the Masterplan needs a greater emphasis on distinctive signage reflecting the storied history of the Emerald Lake Park and Precinct.

The Lake Precinct needs to be planned, developed and maintained as a fun, fitness and community recreation facility for Emerald residents of all ages.

Council should Identify a scheme that provides car parking fee waivers for local residents similar to other regional facilities.

The proposed closure of the swimming pool is unfortunate but understandable given its condition and the costs of maintenance. The EVA notes there are changing community preferences for water based play spaces.

The Masterplan needs to position the Precinct within the wider context of the Emerald Village, the Puffing Billy Railway corridor and the numerous areas of public land, active and passive open space in the district, such as:

- The Emerald Village Park / Puffing Billy playground
- The Emerald Bushland Reserve
- Pepi's Land
- Worrell Reserve
- The Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail
- Wombat Corner
- Chandler Reserve, and
- The Wright Forest

This is a major missed opportunity to plan and provide an integrated chain of reserves, parks and public spaces and substantially strengthen the capacity of the project to advocate for funds and grants. It would elevate the scale and significance of the whole area and recognise and appreciate how the Lake Precinct functions in a wider context and reaches out to other audiences.

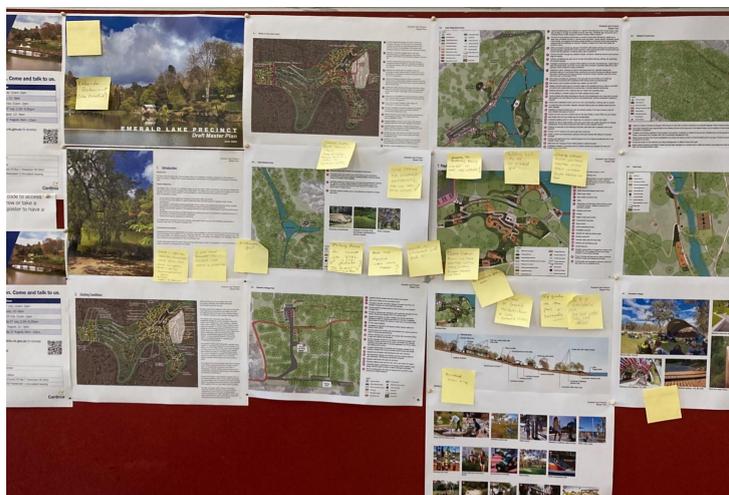
Council needs to establish and progressively develop a high class open space system utilising these assets which are connected through the Puffing Billy corridor and the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail. The wider Precinct needs connected, staged planning for these parks and public spaces; this approach is consistent with the Council's own recently adopted Council Plan which explicitly states that one of its actions is to - *Plan and maintain safe, inclusive and connected open spaces, places and active travel routes.*

Email Trevor Budge at the EVA for a copy of the full submission - trevorbudge49@gmail.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is very pleasing to see feedback local residents have given Council on the proposed plan for the future of the Emerald Lake. The photo of the plan with the many sticky notes in the foyer of the Hills Hub gives you some extent of public comment. A summary of the EVA comprehensive 12 page response is featured in this edition of our Newsletter. It incorporates input from our committee, our EVA members (currently 129) and from the local residents.

The Park is not only a regional park and a destination for Puffing Billy passengers but it is a facility for local residents to walk, run, ride a bike and picnic. A great deal of the EVA submission is to cater for the needs of locals and to make it easy and free to use the Lake Park.



Cardinia suggestion board at The Hills Hub

Do you have a person or an organisation you can nominate for the **Emerald Citizenship awards**? Please contact me or Peter Maloney asap.

THE PARK RUNS

An idea is to look at the feasibility of establishing a Park Run at the Emerald Lake Park. This activity originated in England and has been introduced into many town parks in Australia. Essentially people gather each Saturday morning at 8am to “run, walk or crawl” over a 5km course. There is no entry fee, just a requirement to book in. You can get a barcode from a website and you receive a time on your computer. For more info go to the [PARK RUN](#) website.

It is not competitive but there are those who will be keener than others. Currently there are Park Runs at Lilydale Lake, Berwick and Ringwood, and many other places in Melbourne. Basically you just turn up. If you are interested please contact me and we can determine local interest.

WHERE ARE WE?

Last month we featured the Jack Eudey plaque. Jack was an outstanding community identity in our town. He was a major figure in the Emerald Co-Op and was involved in lifesaving at the Lake (when you could swim in the lake). The plaque is on the grass area outside the CBA Bank.

This month another beautiful scene that can be seen from the western end of Emerald. If you know where it is contact Dick Bartley at dickbartley80@gmail.com. The \$15 voucher is still available from the Laughing Fox.



Dick Bartley - President EVA

EMERALD CITIZEN OF YEAR AWARD

2022 Emerald Citizen and Group Awards

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Emerald community? Then nominate them for an Emerald Citizen Award!

There are three award categories:

- Citizen of the Year (over 25yrs on 1 January 2022)
- Young Citizen of the Year (under 25yrs on 1 January 2022)
- Community Group of the Year

Nominations close: Friday, September 16, 2022

For more information or to download the nomination form, scan the QR code or visit the EVA Inc. website:

www.emeraldvillagenews.com.au/emerald-citizen-and-community-group-awards



Enquiries: Dick Bartley 0400 858 396 Peter Maloney 0439 112 204

ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

Approaching Spring has our Club members enthusiastically involved in activities. Our Winter Wrap up Market was a huge success (thank goodness for a sunny day) and we were able to show off our new marquee kindly sponsored by The Bendigo Bank, Cockatoo.



The September "Spring Clean Out" market on 10th September will attract those of you looking for bargains or if you are clearing out, you are welcome to have a stall <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfEmeraldDistrict>
Phone 0408 769 491

Emerald Rotary and The Road Safety Education Group partnered on 15th August to run a Youth Driver Awareness training course (RYDA) at the Box Hill Institute of Tafe, Lilydale Campus. A group of 53 students in the age group 16-18 from Emerald Secondary College along with 4 Emerald Rotarians and 4 teachers attended and gained valuable insight into road safety.

Our final successful event for August was the Emerald Secondary College Primary Schools Speech Contest held on 30th August at Macclesfield PS. Pupils from Macclesfield, Emerald, Menzies Creek, Cockatoo, Gembrook and Selby competed, presenting a 3-minute talk to Mayor Jeff Springfield, Rotary District Governor, Ken Miller, Rotarians, family and friends and staff from Emerald Secondary College. Judging was carried out by Toastmasters and the winner now has the opportunity to compete at the District final in November.

For those of you who would like to be involved in the Community, be it to give back or just get to know more people locally you are always welcome to volunteer your

services. We are getting back to holding local initiatives and events and need help – contact us and we would be happy to look at opportunities. Phone 0408 769 491.

Shalini Penny - Publicity

EMERALD U3A

SENIORS WEEK EVENT

My Aged Care – Staying at Home for Longer

A presentation by Portia Neydorff of Latrobe Community Health Services

Date: Monday, 3rd October

Place: The Hills Hub, Emerald, followed by afternoon tea

Time: 2pm

Points to be covered are:

- Who is my Aged Care?
- How can My aged Care help you stay at home for longer?
- Eligibility criteria for getting help
- Registering with My Aged Care
- Details on accessing services
- What's included in a Home Care Pack?
- What to look for in a provider
- Other available services for older persons

Information packs will also be available. Please let me know if you will be attending and/if you require further details

Helen Waring

Email: waringhelen@live.com

Mobile: 0490 805 743

Proposed new classes – we just need a few volunteers to lead them!

- **An Aussie Rules group**, perhaps delving into the history and development of the sport.
- **History of the Automobile**, which would delve into how it all started and notable milestones along the way.
- **Aviation History**, similar aims to the Automobile class but directed at aviation.
- **Model Railroading**, looking at model railroads and help those who want to build their own
- **Cooking / Food & Wine pairing**, where members of the group would take turns to present/make food of their choosing, such as an old standby or family favourite recipe; food (& beverage) typical of another country; inventive finger food for platters; bread making and cheeses with Pinot Grigio/Noir; home-made pizzas & Sangiovese or Chianti; a Champagne breakfast in Melbourne Cup week!

If you think you could lead one of these courses or something else entirely, but lack the confidence or experience, rest assured we will support you in getting a new class off the ground. Please contact Pat Buoncristiani as a first step - phone 0437 221 945.

Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity

FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK

Friends of Emerald Lake Park are celebrating "WeedbustersWeek" with a variety of activities and invite the community to join us in removing weeds in Emerald Lake Park.

Sunday 11th September, 9am-11am, meet at **Carl Stemp Amphitheatre**. Bring gloves, tools provided. Weeding around Lake Nobelius.

Thursday 15th September, 9am-11am, meet at **Carl Stemp Amphitheatre**. Bring gloves, tools provided. Weeding around Lake Nobelius.

Morning tea provided at the end of each working bee.

Sheila Hampson - Coordinator

EMERALD MEN'S SHED

Received from the Emerald Community House -

"A big Thank You to the Emerald Men's Shed who have helped ECH by erecting the greenhouse which was funded through VicHealth's Re-imagining Health grant 2021 for the Emerald Grows Together Project. With our focus on food education in childcare, garden activities and creating a community propagation/ seedling enterprise, we can educate children and support people who value access to quality local food. We are very grateful to the Men's Shed who not only assembled the greenhouse for us but erected the canopy over the door of the Dig In Community Grocery which provides access to quality food and was funded by the Community Food Relief Grant 2021 from Department of Health and Human Services."

Tom Connolly - Men's Shed Committee

EVA UPDATE

The Cardinia Shire contains significant open space and roads, and several population growth areas which both take significant resources, and at EVA's August meeting, several representatives from the Council attended and presented to the group. Lili Rosic General Manager, Liveable Communities gave an overview of her role and the shire's responsibilities. She covered planning and budgets; sources for funding; and specific projects in Emerald currently in the pipeline - Emerald Lake Precinct, Pepi's Land bike track & the Puffing Billy Park upgrade. Other speakers were Ben Wood, Manager Operations & Asset Maintenance, who oversees Cardinia and Emerald infrastructure including roads and Hannah Milne, Community Development Facilitator also spoke about management of the Hub.

Local Mayor Jeff Springfield and Liveable Communities Team Leader Nat Noonan were also in attendance, so we are grateful for the time all of them gave and the

continued support they show to our township and surrounds. The following link takes you to the Cardinia Asset Plan with full details on many of the matters covered by Lili and Ben:

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

Lastly, a reminder to send your **nomination for Citizen, Junior Citizen and/or Organisation of the Year by 16th September**. You can post or deliver your Nomination to us at the Hills Hub, 402 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald. There are blank Nomination Forms at the Hub's front counter, or find it on our website by clicking here:

emeraldvilagenews.com.au

Heather Bishop - EVA Secretary

CARDINIA COUNCIL NEWS

The Hills Hub



L to R - **Zaliha Avoyi** (GirlForce Vic Participant Leader, Year 11 Student), **Rachel Talamaku Mafuta** (Goshen Place Farm Co-founder), **Rabecca Mphande** (AfriAus iLEAC President & Co-founding Director), **Rudo Catherine** (Klinical Support Services CEO & Founder) and **Nadia Siyotula** (Coach Trainer Academy CEO & Founder)."

The Hills Hub is lucky to be hosting the AfriAus iLEAC over the next few months while they record for their podcast. AfriAus iLEAC is a community organisation that aims to promote community wellbeing, resilience and advocate for change. The podcast will feature stories and interviews about COVID-19 and winter flu updates. This project is supported by the Victorian Department of Health. If you would like to learn more or follow the podcast visit <https://afriausileac.org/>.

The Puffing Billy Toy Library is one of the many groups using the Hills Hub. They operate to support parents, carers and families to choose toys that nurture and engage their child's development. The toy library has a huge range of toys for all ages that can be borrowed for 2 weeks at a time. The toy library is a community based not-for-profit organisation managed by a small committee of volunteers and opened and run by its members.

If you are interested in becoming a member or perhaps volunteering a little of your time and joining the committee, you can email puffingbillytoylibrary@gmail.com or visit www.puffingbillytoylibrary.com.au. The toy library runs sessions from 10am to 11:30am every Monday and Saturday.



There is a jam-packed calendar of arts programs coming up at arts and performance space in the hub for the rest of 2022. including exhibitions, residencies, workshops, events, and more! Head to www.whatsoncardinia.com.au for the latest information.

**Gembrook Skate Park | Skate & Scoot Jam
Friday 30 September, 2:30pm – 5pm**

Don't miss the skate and scoot jam, heaps of prizes up for grabs!

All ages and abilities welcome.

To register, go to

<https://skatepark.ymca.org.au/all-aboard>

Hannah Milne - Shire Community Development Facilitator

MUSIC AT THE EMERALD RSL

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



Matt is a POWER house!! From garage blues to rock and roll with a side step to Rockabilly!!

Matt is always a high energy dance party! Be there!!!

Ode de Toilette “Nouveau”



Our infamous local identity Ted Horton aka Van Gogh Murals has found inspiration in the appearance of our new modern convenience at the east end of town.

**ODE DE TOILETTE
‘ NOUVEAU ’**

ARRIVED AT LAST - BONJOUR ' OUI, OUI ,
POLISHED AND GLEAMING FOR ALL TO SEE
DROPPED INTO POSITION FROM ABOVE
AN ASSET WE WILL CHERISH AND LOVE.

NO NEED TO GO NOW BEFORE YOU COME
WITH A ROOF UPON IT - SIT SHADED FROM THE SUN
A NEW INNOVATION - THIS ONE'S UNISEX
MUCH MORE CONVENIENT THAN OUR OLD EX !

IT LOOKS SMALLER - PLEASE ENTER ONE AT A TIME-
YET IN THE NEW HUB , FOUR IN THE GENTS IS FINE !
WITH ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGY AT ANY TIME USE
EXCEPT IN A STORM IT MIGHT BLOW A FUSE !

ITS BEEN SO LONG TO GET THIS NEW DUNNY
SO PLEASE DON'T GRAFFITTI , IT WON'T BE FUNNY
BROWN SAGE GREEN WITH BACKGROUND BLENDS
SUCH BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDS IT TRULY TRANSCENDS

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FERAL DEER UPDATE

The feral deer information night was a great success with 82 people present and 24 on zoom.

We heard about the devastating deer impact on native fauna and flora, people's livelihood and public safety including the destruction of gardens, vineyards, of the unique Sherbrooke Forest, the home of the lyrebird and the danger on our roads.

Gaye Gadsden's video of the successful rehabilitation of the helmeted honeyeater habitat gave us a glimmer of hope.

The presentations from councils and other authorities convinced the audience that they must take matters initially into their own hands to solve the rapidly

increasing deer problem but hopefully government support will be forthcoming.

The plan is now to form an action group with representatives from Landcare, environmental groups and Yarra Ranges and Cardinia Shires. With many thanks for your support and kind regards,

Johannes Wenzel

Please call me on 0418346895 if you want to discuss something.

EASTERN DANDENONG RANGES ASSOCIATION

Q & A October Business Breakfast - Fri 21st October 2022 at the Hills Hub - 7-9am

Meet your local State candidates at the next election - Daniela De Martino (Labor) and Gareth Ward (Liberal)

Booking: trybooking.com/CCHJS

SAVE THE DATE - Hills Community Groups Expo & Trivia Night - May 2023

The Eastern Dandenong Ranges Association has been successful to receive Council funding to coordinate and run a one-day expo & trivia night for the different volunteer-run Community Groups in the Ranges Ward of Cardinia Shire during National Volunteer Week in May 2023.

The purpose of the Expo is to provide a platform for our volunteer run community groups to collectively showcase and create public awareness of their services, celebrate & acknowledge our local community groups, and provide an opportunity for groups to attract new volunteers & sponsors. The Trivia night is a celebration & thank you to our community groups and we'll be engaging the assistance from our local historian groups to include some local knowledge questions in the Trivia mix and fun evening being planned.

Volunteer Groups can start to register their interest by emailing us at ask@edra.org.au

Lynne Trensky - Co-ordinator

HILLS HUB PLAY & CONNECT PLAYGROUP

Every Monday morning you can hear the patter of tiny feet and see a steady stream of prams as young families make their way into a purposefully set up room in the wonderful Hills Hub.

The Hills Hub Play and Connect Playgroup was first set up in 2020 by Ellen, the Council Place-maker. It has helped young families connect with each other through some difficult times, with the isolation of young families from their own, their communities, medical and Council facilities such as Maternal and Child Health staff, all whilst struggling with all the demands of new parenting.

We feel privileged to join a fine tradition of Emerald Playgroups through the ages.

We have managed to get to this point - meeting in person - with lots of emails, Facebook pages, support from the Playgroup Association, some Zoom sessions, Park Playgroup visits, Playgroup online and lots of masks, wiping and Glen 20 sprays! (And with help from the Puffing Billy Toy Library). And lots of fingers, little and big, crossed!

We have welcomed and continue to welcome, babies and toddlers of all ages, Mums, Dad's, Nanas and Pops, Carers, Aunties, Grandmas and Grandads to join us. We've made a place to have a cuppa and a chat and "share the wear". We have enjoyed Sand and Shell and Balls and Wheels days, fingerprinting and crayoning, lots of stories and always a song or two. Lots of laughter and the occasional tears.

Playgroups are our first way for new families to reach out, connect and enjoy our Emerald community and all it has to offer. They are a way to make friendships, find out about happenings in our neighbourhoods and make the next generation's voice heard. We would love to see you on a Monday morning at 10.30am. Volunteers of any age or stage to help (with Working of Children Checks) are very welcome too.

Please feel free to come along and join in with the fun soon! Contact: hubplaygroup2021@gmail.com

Shelley Beardshaw - Volunteer

PUFFING BILLY NEWS

Lakeside Visitor Centre - World Award

Puffing Billy are thrilled to share the news that Puffing Billy Railway's state-of-the-art all-weather Lakeside Visitor Centre has been awarded the highest honour at the 2022 International Architecture Awards in Chicago overnight.

The centre has taken out the prestigious global award for Best New International Architecture for 2022 – announced by the Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies. **View media release**

premier.vic.gov.au/puffing-billy-visitor-centre-top-world

"We are honoured to receive this prestigious award, which has been a labour of love for so many of us, including the teams at TERROIR Architects and Kane Constructions. This accolade not only celebrates the creation of our world-class visitor centre, but also helps put Puffing Billy on the global stage," says Peter Abbott, CEO of Puffing Billy Railway.

Grant for Volunteer Development

Puffing Billy Railway was recently successful in receiving a grant to re-engage volunteers as part of the Victorian Government's Emerging Stronger grant program.

Puffing Billy Railway continues to rely heavily on our passionate volunteers to operate our world-renowned heritage railway, and through the government's efforts to support and reinvigorate volunteering for community-based volunteer organisations like Puffing Billy Railway. We are looking forward to developing best-practice, sector-specific guidelines to support re-engagement of volunteers and to increase inclusion, recruitment, satisfaction and retention of CALD volunteers.

You can find more information about the Emerging Stronger Grants Program here:

www.volunteer.vic.gov.au/emerging-stronger-grants-program.

If you are interested in volunteering with Puffing Billy here is the link:

<https://puffingbilly.com.au/volunteer/corporate-volunteers/>

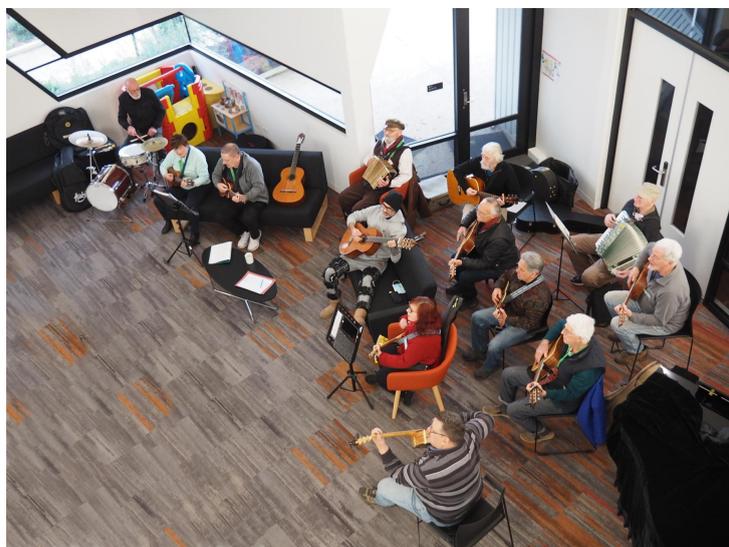
Sheena Dang - Puffing Billy Marketing

MUSIC JAMMING AT THE HILLS HUB

Paul Bianco and a dedicated troupe of muso's have formed a new group Thursdays at the Hills Hub under the U3A umbrella.

Contact Paul for more information:-

bianco48@bigpond.com



EMERALD REGIONAL BEEKEEPERS

Emerald Regional Beekeepers (ERBK) are inviting all experienced and novice beekeepers as well as those who are considering beekeeping in the future, to join in the group discussion. Everyone who has an interest in honey, native pollinators, native & wild honeybees, bee education, bee products, pollination services, hosting bees, and creating gardens & bee habitat is welcome.

Now, more than ever is an essential time to be locally connected and well informed as beekeepers, with the current Varroa mite scare in NSW, changing bee movement rules being issued by Biosecurity Victoria

and the detection of Braula fly as part of the extensive surveillance in the Almonds.

Evening meetings are held on Tuesdays, once a month, at the Emerald Hills Hub. We each discuss what is happening in our hives and the landscapes around us, and what other bee activity is happening. It is fascinating and eye-opening to hear about the difference between hives, locations and styles of management. We have a cuppa and biscuits mid-meeting, it's a great time to chat with other local beekeepers.

We have a book library and bee/honey equipment available for loan by annual ERBK members. Books include the topics of beekeeping, pollination, bee biosecurity and the history of bees. Bee keeping equipment includes a wax melting and honey extraction tools. Each month we have door prize and a raffle, with proceeds supporting the loan equipment and library.

Emerald Regional Beekeepers is a great way to meet new friends, share resources, visit other hives, or invite others to visit your hives with you. Annual membership is only \$40/person & \$60/families. For "new-bees" or those that want to keep in touch occasionally but not sign up for annual membership we have the option of a \$5 donation at the meeting.

Next meeting dates (2022): Tuesdays - 13th September, 11th October, 8th November

Meetings start @ 7:30pm @ Emerald Hills Hub

For enquires email:

emeraldregionalbeekeepers@gmail.com

EMERALD LIBRARY - BACK IN BUSINESS

Our facelift is complete and the Emerald library is back up and running. Our renovations enhanced the open, light feeling of the library and included "more spaces to play, read, meet, study and work."

The features of our renewal include the opening of the meeting room and its subsequent transformation into a study and remote working space.

We've also changed the look of our library, which now features genre signs on our shelves to help you find what category of book you're looking for easily.



A beautifully painted Tolkienesque map of the Cardinia Shire takes pride of place in the entrance lobby of the building. You may notice that our circulation desk has also been changed, taking up much less space and painted in golden and white colours. Our new circ desk now has a returns chute built into the front, allowing a quicker return of your borrowed books.

The jewel in the crown is our beautiful open and bright children's space. Drop in to discover, play and read together in our renewed family area. We are proud to be displaying sustainable art from a rural Queensland artist: flowers made of old household tins.



Upcoming Events at the Library

For the Little Ones

Baby Rhyme time: (ages 0-1) - Mondays 11.15am
Tinies Time: (ages 1-3) Fridays 11.15am
Storytime: (ages 3-5) Thursdays 11.15am

School Holidays

Animals Of Oz: (ages 3-10) - Tues. 20th Sept. 2.15pm
Shadow Puppets: (ages 7-13) - Wed. 21st Sept. 3.30pm

Other Events

Photography is Art: (ages 15+) - Sat 10th Sept 1-2pm
Tech Time: (all ages) - Tuesdays 2-3pm
Emerald Writing & Critique Group: (all ages) - Wed 7th and 21st September 6-7.30pm
Laughing Yoga: (all ages) - Saturday 1st Oct 10.30am
For more information visit: - cclc.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL NOTICES

1. Burn Off Times

It is important to check the Cardinia website for conditions relating to burning off.

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

Burning off days vary between zones.

Urban - no burning off without a permit

Bushland & Peri-Urban - Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday
Friday

Rural - Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

2. [Council Meeting Minutes](#)
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6. [Creating Cardinia - consultation opportunities](#)

EMERALD CRICKET CLUB

The footy season draws to a close and many locals don the whites for the start of the cricket season. We in Emerald are very fortunate to have a wonderful new oval at Worrell Reserve that is perfect for cricket.

To register go online to - playcricket.com.au or email Clinton Marsh at: - emerald.cricketclub@gmail.com



Emerald Cricket Club

Junior Players welcome for all age groups

Junior blasters ages 5-7

Super 7's, Fast 9's, U/12, U/14, U/16s

Enquiries: Clinton ph: 0433 332 270

Email : emerald.cricketclub@gmail.com

Online registrations at
www.playcricket.com.au

Junior teams now affiliated with the FTGDCA

CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

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