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Emerald Village Association Inc. and Community Group News

EMERALD CAROLS

By The Lake



PICNIC 5:30 - 7 PM

CAROLS 7:30 - 9 PM

DECEMBER 15TH

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From the EVA President

At the recent AGM we did reflect on the 2023 year and what had been achieved.

Our newsletter EVA "Monthly News" has gone from strength to strength and has been well received in our community and local organisations. Peter Maloney has been the driving force behind this success.

The EVA has conducted a number of community meetings to address local issues. We have had regular contact and support from our ward councillor Jeff Springfield, the Shire of Cardinia, local politicians, the Hills Hub, Cardinia "Connect" and local organisations.

Given the EVA now has nearly 200 members we need to tap into this membership more regularly for input on issues and expertise to extend our programs.

Currently we are seeking feedback on the EVA's proposals to support local members who are objecting to the granting of a permit for a new medical centre without an adequate traffic plan for this project and any future developments. Madigan Way was never designed to cope with the increased volumes of traffic envisaged.

Proposed Medical Centre 337 Belgrave – Gembrook Road

In February this year Council gave notice of a planning permit application for a four-story medical centre with provision for up to 13 doctors and 40 plus car parks accessed from Madigan Way.

The EVA Committee was concerned about the size and design of the building and the capacity of Madigan Way to cope with increased traffic. The EVA Committee agreed to lodge an objection and so did eleven other persons. At the November Cardinia Shire meeting Council resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit. That meant that all objectors had 28 days to decide whether to lodge an appeal with VCAT to contest the application as proposed. At the EVA Committee meeting on 29 November the Planning Sub-Committee provided a report on the matter and recommended that the EVA should join with at least 4 persons who had already agreed to lodge an appeal.

The Planning Sub-Committee recommended that no EVA funds be used to support an appeal. The EVA Committee passed a motion to add the EVA Inc to the joint appeal to VCAT. The EVA Committee is seeking the views of the EVA members on this issue.

The EVA Committee emphasises that it is not anti-development. Its concerns are that there is no plan for how Madigan Way will be progressively upgraded, how its capacity to handle increased traffic will be managed and what will happen in terms of

traffic and the impact on Emerald as future developments in the area are proposed. The EVA Committee is looking for Council to prepare a long-term plan to ensure good quality development. You can access the Council Minutes with plans of the proposed development and the Council report on the matter at the following website - the application is listed as item 1.

https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings/meeting/220/council_meeting

Where Are We?

Last month we were on the walking track from Emerald To Clematis.

Kelly McCormack was the first correct answer and she has won the \$15 gift voucher.



This month is a bit political. You can swim at this venue and the question is why not in our local venue on hot days? Check out the picture on the front of Woolworths.

Email to: dickbartley08@gmail.com

Dick Bartley - President EVA Inc.

Rotary Club of Emerald & District

Have we had a huge month? The answer is yes! Our November market was huge, partly due to the time of year and the icing on the cake was the additional foot traffic from the fair at Emerald Primary School. 3 stalls booked in the evening beforehand and we sold out of sausages requiring a quick re-stock - plus we had an abundance of stall holders who wanted to keep going beyond closure time. Indications are that the final Christmas market for the year on Saturday 9th will be a bumper one as enquiries are coming in.

And what can I say about Saturday 18th November. 3 events to assist or attend, commencing at 8.30am with the club supplying 4 teams x 4 members to work with EDRA representatives to erect giant replica Christmas candles around the township, from 10am we were selling Christmas raffle tickets to shoppers at Woolworths and then from 11am a few members supported the 100-year Scout celebrations.



Christmas raffle ticket sales ex Woolworths



Assisting EDRA erect the Christmas decorations

But wait - there's more! What about the Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy on Sunday 26th! This is one of our signature events each year and is huge. The lead up was more than we had hoped for – coverage by Channel 9 News at 4pm & 6pm and here is the link : <https://x.com/9NewsMelb/status/1727957847898497273?s=20>

All funds raised are to be donated to Monash Children's Cancer Hospital. A couple of families affected by their children's cancer were offered the opportunity to ride Puffing Billy and Rotary was there waiting for them on their arrival at Lakeside and interviewed. Despite the weather on the day not being quite what we had wished for, the event was a

resounding success and whilst the final funds raised count is not fully in, it will add to the \$146,000 already donated to Monash and take the overall total of \$721,250 (2002 to 2022) up another notch.



Top fundraisers with MC Patrick Tessier, Monash Hospital representatives Prof. Peter Downey and Ron Fairchild, Rotary DG Ian Ballentine and President Sangeeta Bajaj

Our final Guest speaker for the year will be on 5th December. David Enor, CEO of International Needs Australia will be talking to the Club and you are welcome to attend – just contact us ahead of the night so that we can book you in.

Finally, there is still time for you to purchase a ticket in our Christmas raffle. Thanks to the local businesses who have generously provided vouchers or items – 1 lucky person will win the whole “lot” estimated at \$2000. To ensure that you do not miss out on this chance you can purchase a ticket between 10am – 3pm at Cockatoo IGA 3rd December, Rotary market Emerald, 9th December, Gembrook IGA 16th December and Emerald Market 17th December.

Visit our website: 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. Wishing you a very festive season.

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 5612

Laugh a Little or Smile a Lot



Emerald U3A

A big thankyou to Paul Bianco for organising an exhibition of creative works and musical entertainment in the Hub for PAVED.

U3A quiltmakers, artists, writers, photographers and more exhibited their beautiful works upstairs. It was stunning. Calligraphers created beautiful book marks for visitors; U3A musicians and singers performed.



This newsletter may be hitting the streets just as we are signing up members for another year of fun, learning and physicality.

If you were at the Hub for Enrolment Day on Monday 4th, I hope you enjoyed the morning. If you weren't and have yet to register your interest in some courses, please don't delay as some popular classes may fill up early. There is a grand total of 53 courses being offered in 2024; all free except for materials if applicable.

New or amended courses on offer in 2024 include:

- The Art of Australia – focussing on the Colonial Era to the present day
- The Battle of Trafalgar and the Arts – exploring the event and the art, writing, poetry & music emanating from it

- Beauty, Music, Sound & Healing – the title says it all!
- Botanical Art 2 – explore Botanical Illustration Felting – and introduction and completion of a project
- Fun with Fondant – a hands on, informal class for beginners
- Singles Social Group – share conversation, food & events with other singles

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Christmas break.

Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity

Emerald Scouts

1st Emerald Scouts

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

9am - 1pm Saturdays & Sundays

December 2nd & 3rd
9th & 10th
16th & 17th*
*(unless sold out prior)

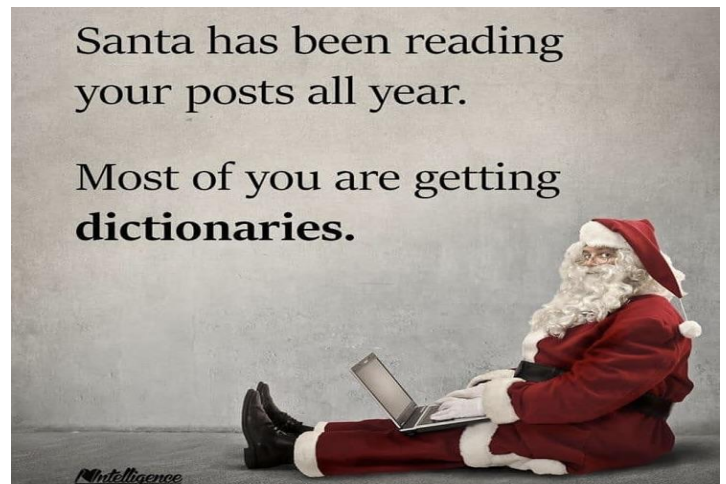
Emerald Scout Hall
Kilvington Drive

Scouts VICTORIA

all proceeds support our youth
www.emeraldscouts.org.au

Santa has been reading your posts all year.

Most of you are getting **dictionaries.**



EVA Annual General Meeting

A new year coming and a new EVA Committee

On Wednesday the 29th of November, members of the Emerald Village Association gathered at the Hills Hub. President Dick Bartley presented his report and thanked the Committee for all their work in 2023. Financial, Communication and Planning Committee Reports were also tabled.

Our local Cardinia Councillor, CR Jeff Springfield then chaired the AGM and the following people were elected as volunteers to work for the Emerald Community.

President: Dick Bartley

Vice President: Peter Maloney

Secretary: Heather Bishop

Treasurer: Michelle Jackson

We voted to increase the numbers of General Committee Members to 11 and to include a rotating member of the Emerald Secondary College Student Leadership Team. Another way to help us plan and make Emerald a better place for all ages, working and living together. It also provides for younger people to learn how community organisations function.

General Committee Members:

Trevor Budge, George Trojan, Claude Cullino, Lynne Huberts, Howard Winter, Ray Schmidt, Donna Martin, Ray Spencer, John Wall, Dennis Alexander-Hale, Shelley Beardshaw.

After the AGM, a general Committee meeting saw us discuss several issues.

- The Planning decision go - ahead for 337 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd
- our response with questions for the Master Plan for Emerald Lake Park
- membership of the Community Newspaper Association
- the State Government Container Deposit Scheme through the local SES
- the current use of the Pepi's Land Netball Courts
- proposed CCTV cameras for the Emerald Shopping strips.

Seasons Greetings and thank you to all who have supported us this year, from volunteering with our Intergenerational Projects, attending our Community meetings, e-mailing or stopping to have a yarn in the street. More people power to us all.

Our next **Committee Meeting is Wednesday the 24th of January at 7.30pm, Hills Hub**, Emerald. Come along and see how we work.

Shelley Beardshaw - EVA

Emerald Fire Brigade

Our risk in the Dandenong Ranges is most extreme because we are surrounded by forest.

Should a fire occur, you can expect very hot fires and many embers such as twigs and bark from far away, dangerous levels of radiant heat and fire intensity, trees falling in high winds, thick smoke, heavy fuels that will burn for a long time.

Leaving early means being away from high-risk areas before there are any signs of fire.

- What Fire Danger Rating is your trigger to leave?
- Leave the night before or early in the morning?
- Where will you go and what will you take?

To help prepare, consider:

- Packing an emergency kit including toiletries, medicines, mobile phone charger, important documents such as passports, insurance documents, battery powered radio and spare batteries.
- A sufficient supply of medication if you are away from home for a number of days?
- Communicating your fire plan to family, friends and neighbours.
- Pet supplies including bedding, water and food, bowls, collar and lead, favourite toy, proof of vaccination.
- Making sure you have enough fuel in your vehicle.

Staying informed

- Make it a habit to check the Fire Danger Rating every day by visiting the CFA website or call the Vic Emergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.
- Download the VicEmergency App to your phone for warnings and incident notifications
- Listen to ABC Local Radio 774 for warnings.



How and why will a community siren sound?

The siren will sound if there is an emergency incident.

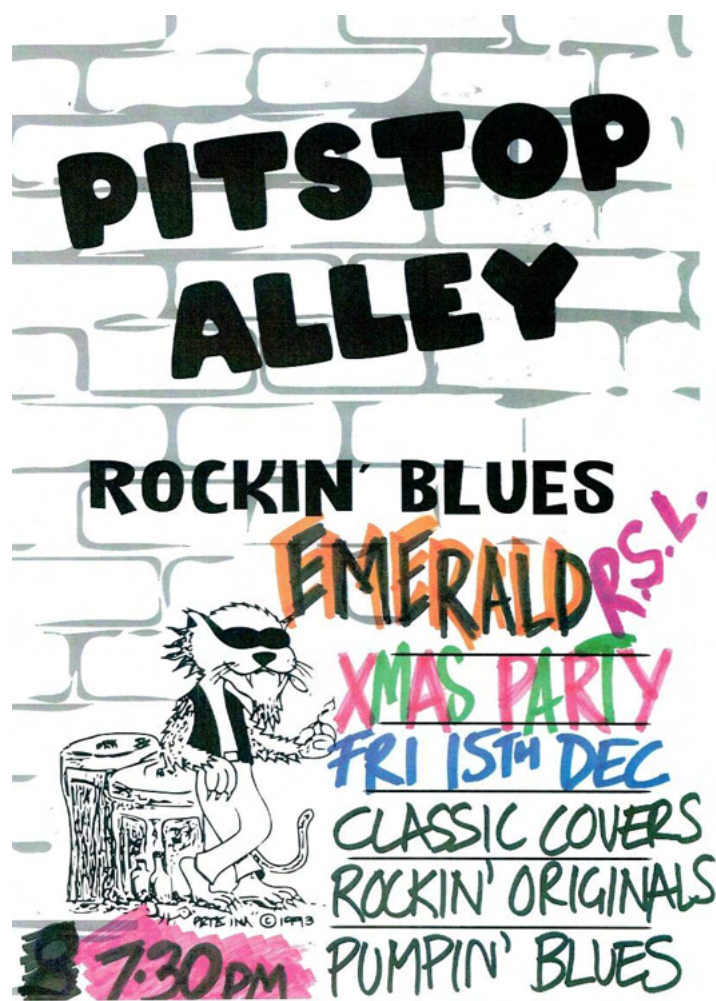
Short period (90 seconds) - indicates a CFA brigade has responded to an emergency incident nearby.

Extended period (of up to 5 minutes) - a current emergency has been identified and you must seek further information immediately.

Emerald RSL - Music Night

Next gig is on Friday 15th December.

Bookings - ring Paul: 0418 420 042



Gemco Players

Coming up in 2024

Murder Show - February 10th



Michelle Drinnan - Gemco

Friends of Emerald Lake Park

Friends of Emerald Lake Park have had a busy year and wish to thank the community for their support at our community BBQ's outside Emerald Village Meats, attending the Sycamore-maple Blitzes, re-vegetation, weeding, Trees for Weeds Swap, Weedbuster Week activities, Seniors Festival walks, Emerald PS Fair stall and working bees.

In 2024, come and meet the members of Friends of Emerald Lake Park and find out how you could volunteer at Emerald Lake Park.

A "Meet and Greet" will be held on **Thursday 18th January 2024, 10am-11am**. Enjoy a chat over a cuppa and cake. Meet near the paddle boats.

Enquiries: friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com

Sheila Hampson President

Emerald Burglaries

As reported in the November edition of the Emerald Newsletter, a series of burglaries took place in Emerald in the early hours of October 29th. Local police set to work behind the scenes to catch these criminals. Here are their reports for the residents of Emerald.



GREAT RESULT FROM HARD WORK

On the 8th of November 2023, Detectives from Cardinia Crime Investigation Unit arrested two males in relation to an alleged series of commercial burglaries committed at Emerald on the 29th of October 2023.

The Sothern Metro Drone Unit played an integral role in assisting detectives with the arrest. A search warrant was executed at an address in Dandenong where a large amount of stolen property was recovered from burglaries that appear to have occurred in Emerald, Rowville, Chadstone, Blackburn South, and several other areas.

A stolen vehicle was also recovered and returned to the owner.

Two males from Dandenong aged 37 and 42 were arrested and have been remanded into custody. They will appear in court later this month.

Here is the Victorian Police report:

On the 8th November 2023, members of the Cardinia Crime Investigation Unit charged a 37 year old male in relation to a series of commercial burglaries that took place between 3.30 and 3.50 am on Sunday 29th October 2023 in Emerald as well as other burglaries committed in Rowville, Blackburn South and Chadstone between 22nd October 2023 and 8th November 2023.

Businesses targeted in Emerald were The General Store café, Gingers Hair Salon, Little Blackbird Clothing Store, Resale Therapy, Barry Plant Real Estate and The Emerald Newsagency.

At least two offenders used a stolen Toyota Hilux in the offending. The second offender is outstanding. Investigators are to make follow up enquiries regarding this.

The 37-year-old male was remanded in custody and will next appear at the Dandenong Magistrates Court for 4th December 2023.

(The mention of the 42-year-old male in the Eye watch Circular below is the person who resides

with the 37-year-old. This 42 year old male was charged with unrelated offences to the series of burglaries).

It is clear that the availability of CCTV images is a great help in catching these criminals who invade our town of Emerald.

The Emerald Village Committee has it on their agenda to initiate discussions with the Cardinia Shire Council in 2024 to evaluate the extension of a camera network using the latest technologies available.

A big shout out thank you to our local police force.

Celtic Music Christmas

Local resident muso and 3MDR radio personality, Jules Vines is presenting a Celtic Music afternoon - out of town but still worthy of your support.



A wonderful afternoon of fine musical entertainment with traditional Christmas tunes, songs, storytelling and exquisite dancing displays is in store. Reiltin's A Celtic Christmas will be held at the Tecoma Uniting Church Sunday 17th December starting at 2.30pm and local fundraising on the day will all go to a very good cause.

The Christmas collective consists of internationally renowned singer songwriter Maria Forde, violin-mandolin virtuoso Greg Hunt and local personality 3MDR's broadcast presenter Jules Vines, an accomplished local pianist and vocalist.

"We really are looking forward to our music being celebrated and even more importantly, supporting those doing it tough at the moment by supporting Tecoma Uniting Church's 'Food Is Free' initiative".

The Victorian Irish Dance Academy (VIDA) will perform displays, the well known VoKallista choir will join us and some local students from Emerald and surrounds will also be performing. There's something for everyone in the jam-packed program and a delicious afternoon tea is included.

Reiltin, which means 'little star' in Irish, will have you laughing, tapping your feet, singing along, and enjoying life the way it's meant to be... with music, warmth and joy amongst friends and community this Christmas. With a new Christmas album to launch, CDs will also be available on the day.

Tickets are Adults \$25.00, Children \$10.00 and Kids under 3 free. For any assistance with bookings please contact 0429650571.

Quiz Time

Christmas Pudding Homophone Quiz

Homophones are words that sound the same to the ear but are spelled differently.

A quiz for cooks to prepare | All answers are ingredients for a Christmas pudding:

1. They bloom in Spring
2. Found in oceans
3. Consorts of rulers
4. Made from the staff of life
5. A famous British Prime-Minister
6. A type of eyes
7. Most people carry them
8. A red head
9. A pale colour
10. Makes a pill easier to take
11. One of the best things in life
12. An old sailor
13. Fruit of a tree and a girl's name

Answers at the end of the newsletter. No peeking.
Thanks to new EVA committee member - Dona Martin.

Puffing Billy Toy Library



President of Puffing Billy Toy Library - Katie Holmes

We are thrilled to announce that a new committee of enthusiastic mothers and grandmothers have been elected for the Puffing Billy Toy Library. We have so many exciting plans to get our wonderful toy library back up and running for our local families and are looking to build lots of links with businesses and organisations within the community. We are currently updating our toys and storage systems, putting together new party packs which will be available for hire and planning fun open day craft and free play sessions for families to enjoy.

In addition to our Monday (9.30am to 11.00am) borrowing sessions we are excited to be also adding Sundays (2.00pm to 3.30) from December the 10th.

We encourage families to follow us on social media and pop in during our borrowing sessions to have a chat and explore the toys we have on offer.

As we are a completely volunteer run organisation we are always grateful for extra help. If you have skills or time to offer we would love to hear from you.

Please think of the toy library coming up to Christmas, a membership or gift voucher makes such a wonderful present. We also offer seniors and concession discounts of 25%. Feel free to email us at puffingbillytoylibrary@gmail.com with any questions or pop in and visit us during our borrowing sessions.

Katie Holmes - President

Out and About in Emerald

The innocuous tactile strips on many pavements around Emerald have caused some concern. Roving reporter, Fran Gipani, has submitted this report to Emerald News:



Slip, slidin' away.

As you wander around Emerald you take for granted walking over TGS or "tactile ground surface indicators". These are a warning, particularly to the visually impaired of a road crossing or steps.

A recent fall has highlighted the slip danger of some of the older (white) TGS after rain. No shoe traction whatsoever, down we go!

Council will replace the known offenders (crossing Kings Road outside the Primary school) and audit other TGS around town.

In the meantime, avoid stepping on them while rain is around ...or like singer Paul Simon you may end up "slip, slidin' away."

Fran Gipani - roving reporter

Carols by Candlelight by The Lake

Presented by St Marks

Imagine a warm summer's evening in Emerald Lake Park. A lot of people are mingling on the hill overlooking the Bandstand. Some have brought a simple dinner and are sitting on rugs eating together. Others have fold up chairs and they are arranged in groups of families and friends. Kids are everywhere – running, laughing and having fun. Multi-coloured electric candles permeate the crowd and provide colour highlights everywhere.

The main concentration of people is above the Bandstand where you can see the stage, but people have spread out right across the hillside which provides a type of natural amphitheatre.

Before the Carols themselves there is the Village Picnic where the local schools and young up-and-coming artists perform on the Carols stage. There are a lot of people present. The Carols Scavenger Hunt is in progress with kids who answer all the questions (about various carols with clues given at various stations about the Bandstand area of the Park) correctly receiving a Christmas Candy Cane for their effort.

About 7.30pm the main program starts. The Carols are led by the 60-piece Cardinia Civic Concert Band who are tightly packed around the Bandstand itself. Carols and the favourite Christmas songs are sung – some by the band's singers alone, others with all those present joining in. It is a lovely night of community celebration, inclusion and peacefulness.

About 9.00, just on dark, people drift off home. Little kids are asleep now. It's been another great Carols by the Lake.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS CHRISTMAS?



Emerald Probus Club

Emerald Ladies Probus members embarked on a 'Myki Mystery Tour' last month, the only requirement being they bring along their Myki card and sense of adventure for travel to an undisclosed destination. The mystery destination was soon revealed when ladies boarded the 693 bus from Belgrave to Oakleigh, well renowned for its Greek community,

cafes, restaurants and delis as well as an old-fashioned shopping strip.

Our mystery trip was a remarkable success and we're planning another for next year along with many other activities and outings for our members. 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.



We don't hold a meeting in December so our next meeting will be on Monday 15 January at 10am. Our guest speaker will be one of our members talking about her recent travels to the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Enquiries:

Chris Britton on 0421 338 124.

Victorian Container Deposit Scheme

VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

RETURN-IT CAN-PAIGN

STARTING NOVEMBER 1ST 2023!

HOW TO MAKE A RETURN:

STEP 1: COLLECT ELIGIBLE DRINK CONTAINERS
Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible.

Look for the 10c mark on the back of the pack. Some drinks are not eligible, including plain milk containers, wine and spirit bottles.

STEP 2: RETURN YOUR ELIGIBLE DRINK CONTAINERS
Return eligible drink containers at the refund points:
- Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs)
- Over-The-Counter
- Pop Ups

STEP 3: EARN A REFUND
All eligible drink containers are worth a 10c refund that you can either keep, or donate to a community donation partner.

10c

EMERALD STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE
277-287 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald VIC 3782
ACCREDITED COLLECTION POINT
ID: C2000008617

RE TURN-IT

Open Monday and Thursdays.

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.

The Emerald Wellness Pharmacy is also an accredited recycling depot.

The Emerald RSL can report that this program with the SES is really working for the Club and its members. Other groups and businesses in Emerald who have substantial amounts of cans and bottles to recycle can come to an arrangement with the SES to make the program work to the benefit of both parties.

National Australia Bank (NAB)

IT'S OFFICIAL

The NAB Emerald is closing - March 7th 2024

"More and more, our customers are choosing to do their banking online, over the phone, or by video conference. And, as they continue to bank differently, it's important we continue to adapt with them.

Because of these changes, we've made the difficult decision to close our NAB Emerald branch at 342-344 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald on Thursday, 7 March 2024. Of course, we'll keep helping you bank in other ways, and make sure this change is as smooth as possible for you."

NAB

Which does make for interesting conjecture - who will move into the prime real estate building where NAB currently resides? I guess - watch this space!!! And what will the CBA do? If they close, that will leave Emerald with only one bank - the Bendigo Bank sub-agency at the Co-Op. That will also mean a significant increase in traffic in the local Post Office.

Emerald Museum

Noble Park Ramblers Visit Emerald Museum

Some of the Ramblers Walking Group enjoying morning tea inside the Emerald Museum

Around thirty-five members of the Ramblers Walking Group from Noble Park visited the Museum on 28 November.

They were treated to a scrumptious morning tea prepared by Museum volunteers before receiving a presentation about the Museum and its history. They then inspected the exhibits and strolled around lovely Nobelius Park before moving on to their next stop at Emerald Lake.



Groups are often hosted at the Museum and are welcome to contact the Museum to discuss their particular requirements.

Groups can email the Museum on enquiries@emeraldmuseum.org.au or visit our website at emeraldmuseum.org.au

Christmas Closure

The Museum will close on Wednesday 20 December and re-open on Sunday 7 January.



The Year Santa Hired a Consultant

Job Vacancy (volunteer)

The Emerald Village Association is seeking help to print and distribute this Newsletter. In-house printing plus ensuring all outlets continually have supply. Plus contribute as a "Roving Reporter" of interesting events happening in our Emerald. Like Fran Gipani; she has written two articles of community interest in this edition.

If you are interested, ring Peter Maloney - 0418 362 618.

Emerald Art Society

Emerald Arts Society Annual Art Exhibition

Emerald Lake Pool - use it or lose it

The ELP pool season commenced on 23 November, until 14 March, between noon and 6:30 pm on open days. The pool will NOT open if the forecast temperature for Emerald at 4 pm the day prior is less than 26 degrees or if heavy rain and lightning conditions are forecast.

Following community feedback, the EVA committee has supported retaining the pool at Emerald Lake rather than removing it and replacing it with a (apparently low key) water feature.

It is not perfect but is the best we have locally for youngsters to cool off and practise safe swimming over the summer season. Even better, Cardinia residents may now park for free at the lake so it is all at no cost to you.

(You will need an Annual Emerald Lake Park parking pass - see the Council website.)

In past years, the pool and surrounds have not been well maintained (putting it kindly) which has deterred some residents, by coincidence reducing the recorded pool usage when Council desires to remove it. The shortcomings have been strongly identified to Council which undertook significant maintenance including a repaint of the shell while the lake level was lowered. Council has also been pressed to ensure staff hours and pool chlorination meet user expectations.

Council must entirely cover the pool operating costs, unlike other paid-entry pools in the shire. If enough people do not use the facility, it will not be cost effective and will close ... and you will be driving out of town to give your youngsters a swim. So, get aboard folks – use it or lose it!

Please keep EVA and Council (mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au) informed if the pool fails to meet your expectations in any way. I will be!

Fran Gipani – roving reporter

Bushfire Place of Last Resort



Great to see the new signage around Worrell Reserve officially reinstating this place as our “Bushfire Place of Last Resort”. **Note this means the oval and sealed carpark not the Hills Hub building** - which more than likely would be involved in any emergency for relief/recovery.

Cup weekend at the Hills Hub

Arts & Creative Co-ordinator of Cardinia Shire, James Fischer agreed to open the exhibition and special thanks must go to him and Cardinia Shire for their continued support of our Annual Art Exhibition.

We are also extremely grateful to U3A for allowing us to use their room at the Hills Hub This was an opportunity for artists, young and old, to display their skills in a broad range of mediums and to have such a wonderful space in which to exhibit their art work was much appreciated.

We are also grateful to the schools for their continued support, in particular the Emerald Secondary College and Emerald Primary School, and, for the first time this year, the Kooweerup Secondary College.

We are indebted to all our sponsors far and wide who continue to support us year after year. Their contributions are used as prize money rewarding artists for their efforts and encouraging others to participate. This year we had 182 adult entries and 80 NextGen entries which resulted in a splendid array of artwork.



Jason Whittaker and Kelly from Efficient Air, sponsors of the People's Choice Award.



EAS President Russel Simpson with awardee Scarlett Kinniburgh

Congratulations to all the artists who entered with special mention to our best NextGen artist Ruby Street with her prizewinning Gouache, 'Kurt Cobain'.

Our category winners this year were Wendy Lindrea/ Best in Show, Chris Avarad Britton/ Still Life, Kara Morrison/ Oils, Anna St Clair/ Other Media, It Hao Pheh/ Watercolour, Ella Baker/ Printmaking, Guy Price/ Ecosystem, Jens Rumoller/ Photography, Pam Jackson/ Pastel.
 Our NextGen Winners were Jordyn Corrie (U20), Catherine Cui (U15), Ava Doogan (U10).

Russell Simpson - Emerald Arts Society

Fernlea Community Care



Fernlea community care
 caring, thoughtful, simple
 03 5968 6639

Support Group
CHSP FUNDED
Lunch Provided
10AM-3PM
 register here

Fernlea Friendly Faces
STARTS 11TH DECEMBER

Fernlea Community Care are offering a 10-week program to help keep you connected, keep your mind active and offer you support so that you can maintain your independence and stay in your home as long as possible. This is a social program offering activities with lunch provided.

149 Monbulk Road, Emerald VIC 3782
www.fernlea.com.au/programsandevents

Emerald Library



Merry Christmas
 AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FINAL BABY RHYME TIME FOR 2023
 Monday 4th of December @11.15am

FINAL STORYTIME FOR 2023
 Thursday 7th of December @11.15am

FINAL TODDLER TIME FOR 2023
 Friday 8th of December @ 11.15am

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS BREAK UP PARTY*
 Thursday 7th December @ 4pm

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE*
 Monday 11th of December @ 4pm

SPARKLY CHRISTMAS CRAFTING*
 Thursday 14th of December 4-5pm

***BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

myli my community library



"I agree, Mr. Richards, there is a special bond between a man and his dog, but could you at least try and see why Mary has a problem with it?"



EMERALD LIBRARY
HOLIDAY HOURS
 2023-2024

December

Friday 22nd	9am - 3pm
Saturday 23rd -	Closed
Tuesday 26th	Closed
Wednesday 27th	9am - 5pm
Thursday 28th	9am - 5pm
Friday 29th	9am - 3pm
Saturday 30th -	Closed
Sunday 31st	Closed

January

Monday 1st	Closed
Tuesday 2nd -	9am - 5pm
Friday 5th	9am - 5pm
Saturday 6th -	Normal Hours
Onwards	Resume

myli my community library

Emerald & District Lions Club

As 2023 comes to a close we would like to thank our community for their support, especially the Emerald and District Co Op (Mitre 10), Emerald Wellness Pharmacy, Emerald Village Meats and Emerald Fruit Barn for their generous support as we work to support and enhance our community.



Especially with our Menzies Creek walking track refurbishment environmental project, our fundraising to support St Luke's Food Bank at Cockatoo.

Also fundraising to support Prostate and other cancer research and support, supporting EACH to provide a hot water service to a lady in Belgrave who was without running hot water for 10 years, Disaster Support and preparedness as well as our annual awards to the 5 local primary schools and the secondary college.

Please support us by purchasing a Christmas Cake or Christmas Pudding at the Emerald CoOp Mitre 10.

At the moment 2 of our members are spending countless hours working with the Emerald and Cockatoo community Men's Sheds, developing and building the lighted candle flame that will crown the Christmas candle decorations adorning our communities this festive season. 100's of hours have gone into this project alone.

If community members would like to join us or know more about Lions or maybe have a project that we may help you with please contact Ray on 0418 569 735, we meet monthly at the RSL (except January).



Ray Spencer - President



Answers to Quiz on page 7:

1. Flour; 2. Currants; 3. Sultanas; 4. Breadcrumbs; 5. Peel; 6. Almond; 7. Coins; 8. Ginger; 9. Lemon; 10. Sugar; 11. Spice; 12. Salt; 13. Nut-Meg.

PAVED Festival - Congratulations to Lynne Trensky, Non Blair and EDRA Committee. Great job.

The PAVED Festival & Funfest is truly a collaborative event and we extend our thanks to all the local businesses and groups that collaborated, and the local community for making it fun for everyone.

It was great to be able to support local artists and venues and to buy goods and services from local businesses. We have a great variety of local shops in Emerald, so remember to support and shop locally this festive season so everyone benefits.



Can you find the 20 Fairy Doors hiding in the following shops?

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| Behind the Trees | Fernlea Shop of Opportunities |
| CME Uniforms | Flavour Bomb Cafe |
| Divine Alchemy's Secret Cauldron | Grace & Louie Bookstore |
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| Emerald Mitre 10 | Mindful AF Shop |
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| Emerald Village Meats | The Little Tree Store |
| Emerald Village Pharmacy | Tinkar's Corner |



Pick up a 'Find the Fairy Doors' sheet from the Emerald Post Office and go on a fairy hunt to find all 20 Fairy Doors. Get your sheet stamped at each shop where you find a Fairy Door.

Once you collect all 20 stamps, return your completed sheet to the Emerald Post Office for a special fairy gift.

Happy hunting starts Fri 24 Nov and finishes 22nd Dec!

Shire of Cardinia Report - Hills Hub

Connected Communities Update

Grants Opportunities Open Jan 15th!

Our grants program supports community groups, organisations and other non-profit organisations to develop projects, activities, and services that contribute to the wellbeing and quality of life of those who live and work in Cardinia Shire.

- Community Capital Works Grants
- Wellbeing Support Grants
- Festival & Event Grants

For more information visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/info/20021/supporting_our_community/153/apply_for_a_grant

Volunteer Training Opportunities

Grant Writing Workshop

Thursday 1st February

6.30pm at Civic Centre, Officer

This session is designed to provide the tools, strategies and confidence necessary for writing successful grant applications. Come along to find out what grants are available, where to find them and how to put your best foot forward in applying for them.

HILLS HUB

The Hills Hub office is now open 9.30-2.30 weekdays, so feel free to pop in for a look around and a chat.

The office will close on Thursday 21st December and re-open on January 2nd after the Christmas break.

We are excited to see the Puffing Billy Toy Library is up and running again and building up their membership. They are open on Mondays 9.30-11am and Sundays 2-3.30pm, and have a large array of toys to choose from! Visit www.puffingbillytoylibrary.com.au to find out more.



Coming up at the Hub

Watch Party

Cruel Thing- Olivia Mae

Wednesday 6 December 2023

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

You're invited to an evening of live music in the hills with Olivia Mae as she hosts an exclusive watch party for her debut music video for her newest single Cruel Thing.

Come and enjoy an acoustic original set by Olivia, a pre-release viewing of the Cruel Thing music video, and an industry panel chat about how other young creatives can utilise council and local resources to bring to life projects of their own.

For more information, visit: www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au/for_artists/cruel-thing-watch-party

The Emerald Village Association is now in a position to offer printing services to local organisations who may wish to print booklets like this Newsletter. Very competitive prices available. Simply email Peter Maloney with details.

Cardinia Shire Council

Report any issue to the Council relating to the services they provide that requires their attention.

Email: mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au



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Please note there will be no January 2024 Newsletter. Back on the streets early February.

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
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