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EMERALD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION INC. AND COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

EMERALD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Emerald community?

Then please nominate that person for an Emerald citizen award.

There are three award categories:

1. Citizen of the Year (over 25 on January 1st 2023)
2. Young Citizen of the Year (under 25 on January 1st 2023)
3. Community Group of the Year

To nominate, fill out the application form that is available at the Hills Hub front counter or scan the QR code below. Also here - [Nomination Form](#)

The following information is required:

1. Explain the reasons for nomination, achievements and background
2. Enclose clear copies of any available supporting material
3. List any other awards and other relevant information
4. Submit the contact details of the nominator and referee and note your relationship to the nominee (self-nominations not accepted)

A selection panel of EVA Inc. committee members and previous awardees will assess all nominations. All nominees and successful awardees will be notified in writing by the EVA committee.

Nominations Close: Monday October 2nd 2023. Awards will be presented at the EVA Community Night: Wednesday October 25th 2023.

Enquiries: Dick Bartley - 0400 858 396
Peter Maloney - 0439 11 22 04



EMERALD
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
An Initiative of the Emerald Village Committee

Year	Citizen of the Year	Young Citizen of the Year
2010	JEAN WORRELL	
2011	JEFF LATTER	
2012	NON BLAIR	MATTHEW CONWAY
2013	CHRIS BRITTON	
2014	KAREN ALEXANDER	HOLLY LATTER
2015	SHEILA HAMPSON	
2015	PETER MALONEY	
2016	BRIAN HANNAN	
2017	RUSSELL NIELSEN	
2018	DAVID GREENAWAY	
2018	JOHN DUDLEY	
2019	RAY SPENCER	EMMA JACKEL
2019	WAYNE COLLINS	
2020	GRAEME LEGGE	BLAISE COSME
2021	LYNNE TRENSKY	
2021	Emerald Community Group of the Year THE ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DIST.	
2022	PAUL YANDLE	HOLLY SURRIDGE
2022	Emerald Community Group of the Year The EMERALD & DIST CO-OPERATIVE SOC.	

The EVA Citizen of the Year Honour Board located in the foyer at the Hills Hub.

SPONSORS OF THE EMERALD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION INC.

The EVA has reached out to the businesses of Emerald for financial support to enable it to make things happen in our beautiful township - including this newsletter.

We encourage you to support these businesses with your custom - to **BUY LOCAL**

PLATINUM

The Emerald & District Co-Op Society

The Bendigo Bank

GOLD

Emerald Village Pharmacy
Falcone & Adams Lawyers

Bells Real Estate
Bam Bam Restaurant

SILVER

Emerald Village Newsagency
Alexander Neill & Associates
Tinkars Corner
C-Me Uniforms & Safety
Gingers Hair Salon
Emerald Psychology Practice
Cellarbrations of Emerald
Auto Plus Service Station
Emerald Family Dentist
Hush Beauty & Skin
Tree Range Arborists
Emcar Automotive

Hills Physiotherapy
Mindful AF
KLR Legal Services
Avonsleigh Veterinary Clinic
Lauritos Pizza Cafe
Emerald Eyes Optical
Barry Plant Sales
Emerald Wellness Pharmacy
Emerald Pilates
Flavour Bomb Cafe
Fernlea Community Care & Op Shop

BRONZE

Emerald Meats
Efficient Air

Emerald Fruit Barn

Supported by



Cardinia

Cardinia Shire Council

From the President

Lately the EVA has been dealing with a number of issues and activities which we believe affect our town.

1. Shelley Beardshaw arranged a very successful "Connect to the Community" meeting in the Hills Hub hall. See report following.
2. EVA Newsletter. Thanks to the many organisations in the town sponsoring our newsletter. The funding has enabled us to purchase a printer which has improved our newsletter to a booklet format.
3. The EVA Planning Committee is discussing the retention of a wading pool at the lake, the permit for the proposed medical centre in Main Street, local traffic, and the proliferation and types of signage in the town.

Please note we are seeking nominations for the 2023 Citizen of the year and Community Group/Organisation of the year. We do have many worthy candidates but we need someone to identify and nominate them. Members of the EVA management committee are not eligible for the award.

Where Are We?

Last month the featured mural painted by Ted at Van Go is located on the back wall of the pet food shop at the eastern end of town. A local identity, Bill Pell, was the first respondent with the correct answer. Thanks to others who responded with an email.



This time, where is this sign which apparently delineates the border between the Shire of Cardinia and Yarra Ranges. Good luck!

Email to: dickbartley08@gmail.com

Dick Bartley - President EVA Inc.

Rotary Club of Emerald & District

We thought the team would have been suffering from BBQ withdrawal following last month's 18-night marathon but the volunteer list for our Saturday morning session outside Emerald Village Meats on 19th August was oversubscribed.

Added to this enthusiasm, those members without a food handling certificate have been undergoing the training course and a few of us have obtained our "Responsible serving of Alcohol" certificates.



Like most Community groups, Rotary invites guest speakers to present at our meetings. The subjects are varied and can be educational, confronting, inspiring - always interesting. In many cases we follow up in some way, which sometimes results with site visits. On 29th August, 22 of us visited the Donations in Kind's warehouse at their West Footscray site.



This is a Rotary initiative where goods and equipment are sent to countries in need with an emphasis on health and education. Scheduled at the end of October is a very interesting visit to the Australian Synchrotron in Clayton. This is a research facility known as ANSTO Australian Nuclear Science & Technology. Who even knew this existed locally?

Tuesday 29th was a busy day for Rotary. Two major events were wrapped up at Emerald Secondary College. The Kitchen-garden program commenced in February 2022 with Rotarian Tina McInerney securing a grant from Cardinia Council and a year later obtained an additional matching grant from Rotary District 9810 to cover the watering system. A morning tea was held to thank Rotary, Men's shed and Cardinia Council. The second event was the presentation to the school of the framed June 2023 Debutante Ball photograph. Lyn Beckwith, our Deb Ball Coordinator will be doing it all again in 2024 (see below).

Our calendar of events is increasing weekly, the list below is not complete however those that are inked in are provided with information on our website: www.emeraldrotary.org.au

24th October Primary Schools Speech Competition

28th October Halloween Dance Party for Grade 5 & 6's

26th November Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy *

18th February All American Car Display and Man-Cave Alley

5th June Rotary Club of Emerald & Dist. Debutantes Ball

To generate extra funds for Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre we are selling Children's books from the Rotary Stall at the event. If you have unwanted books, we will take them off your hands. Just email chrismcleod07@yahoo.com or gloriah@netspace.net.au

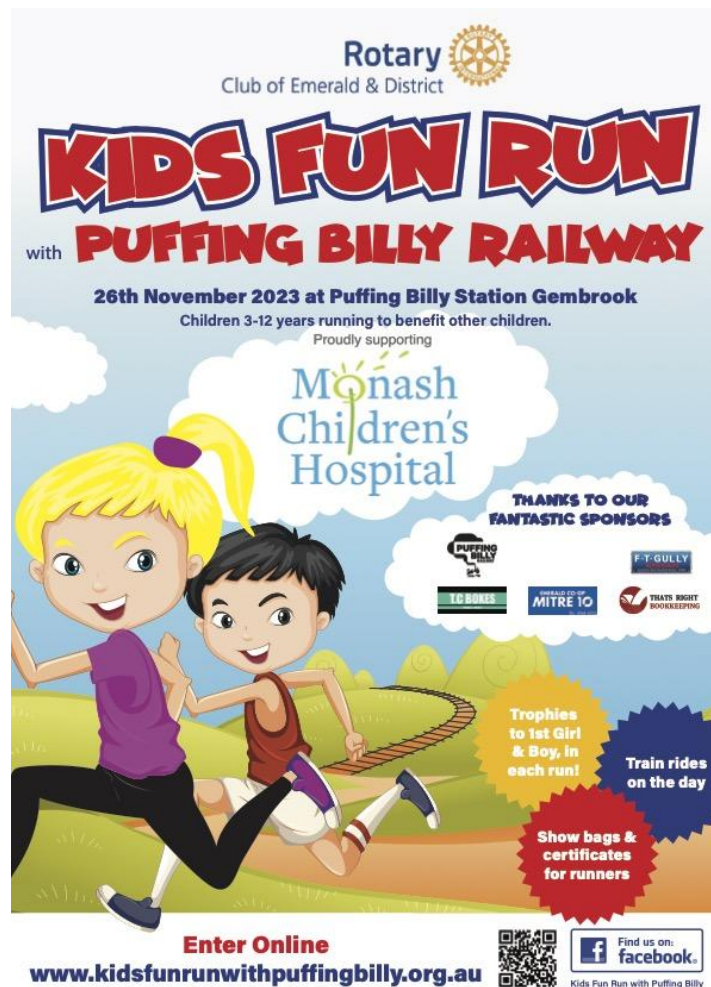
Whilst the Great Train Race is not a Rotary event, we will again join forces with Puffing Billy Railway on Sunday 10th September. This time we will be assisting distribute water as the competitors pass and providing marshalling services at Lake Park.

As an organisation, we are obviously doing something right as we have attracted quite a few new members recently. This in turn is bringing new ideas, skills and adds to our dynamics. We are all winners as we are having fun and are being able to give back to the Community.

We would love you to join us at either an event or meeting (held every Tuesday 6.45pm for 7pm at The Paradise Hotel). Following the awful fire at the Paradise Hotel we are now back to our normal meeting venue. A big thank you to Elevations and Emerald RSL for helping us out with a meeting venue over the last few weeks.

To find out more please call 0408 769 491 or 0417 038 707.

Shalini Penny, Publicity



EVA Connecting to the Community Meeting

Wednesday the 23rd of August saw around forty five folks at the Hills Hub listening to a Discussion Panel talking about services and supports available in Emerald and surrounds with the audience joining in to ask questions. As described by one attendee, the evening was very interesting and the format engaging.

This is a precis People might not know what this means? of what we heard.

* **Belinda Young, MOTHS (Mums of the Hills)** – <https://www.mumsofthehills.com.au/> In 2015 Belinda moved with her 2 & 4 year olds, from Williamstown to an isolated setting in Sherbrooke. After falling off a ladder she had the realisation that forming connections in her new community was not only desirable, but essential.

With funds scarce and freedom limited, she started her own group on FB called MOTHS, which now has 6,200+ members! She uses FB Events to promote meetings and events, and they now have a MOTHS Hub in Belgrave. Grandmothers are also catered for via GOTHs! Members are connected, given no-judgement support, a life line in some worst moments like domestic violence or post-natal depression; and recommendations relating to emergency planning, childcare and insurance.

The website is a window into the wide range of good work this group is doing.

Dads and granddads are welcome at MOTHS groups as well.

***Anmarie Saffin, Co-ordinator MCH services (Maternal & Child Health Services, Cardinia Shire)**

Did you know there are 37 babies born every week in the Cardinia shire? Parents can have 10 free visits at Maternal and Child Welfare Centres by appointment in Emerald (327 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald PH: 03 5943 4250) and Cockatoo (75 Pakenham Rd, Cockatoo PH:03 5943 4250)) If there are early parenting difficulties, this team offers additional services as well as breastfeeding advice, sleep and settling guidance and support groups. Kate Palmer-Kempster is the MCH nurse in Emerald and was with us on the night.

*** Emma Firth Coordinator Youth Services (Youth Services, Cardinia Shire) -**

A range of services, programs, events and activities are run to support young people (aged 12 to 24 yrs). They offer a teenage school holiday program and other support services and education programs. The new 'My Place' Youth Centre opening soon in Pakenham will house several facilities with - computers and free internet access for young people from 1pm to 5pm – plus information and advice about health & wellbeing, entering the workforce, education & training, drugs & alcohol for young people, parents and professionals.

*** Leanne Johnson Community Safety Coordinator, CFA Emerald -**

Our CFA is 100% operated with volunteers and has a proud history. Leading up to summer their Bushfire Information Sessions at the station and in schools are an essential for new residents who haven't lived in a bushfire area before. The local siren alerts responders to action. If you hear the siren going for 5 minutes or more, **investigate** by using the Vic Emergency App. Also, Emergency Plus which after an upgrade in October, will work offline as well.

The current categories of fire danger rating levels, simplified and standardised across Australia last year are:

Moderate: Plan and prepare (If fire occurs, it can be controlled)

High: Prepare to act (If fire occurs it could be dangerous; conditions will be hot & dry)

Extreme: Take action now to protect your life and property. (Don't be here!)

Catastrophic: For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas. (Lives likely to be lost if fire occurs. Trucks cannot be guaranteed. Go into inner city areas)

***Nicole Lane (ECHO) Youth and Family Services -**
<https://echo.org.au/>

ECHO is an independent Christian charity working with St Marks Emerald and St Lukes Cockatoo, providing services to those in need. Through free facilitated playgroups, programs, school chaplaincy and after school programs, they identify families in need. Food aid is currently provided to 60 families weekly. No interest loans (Nils) is means-tested; open

to all those in need of a loan for such things as car repairs, household bills etc. They can be found at 5 Church St, Emerald.

***Other volunteer groups** spoke about how their organisation help children in our area -

Vanessa Kewish (EVER) Emerald Village Exercise & Recreation has achieved a Skatepark for Worrell Reserve, Emerald. They are lobbying for a good outcome in the Puffing Billy Park rejuvenation, and pushing for Pepi's Land BMX Track project to include an upgraded bike track, walking track, exercise stations, dog off-leash area and more!

<https://www.evervictoria.com/>

Vicki Withers runs the Puffing Billy Toy Library, which promotes learning through play, and she also volunteers with **Johns Hill Landcare Group** that works with partners from Belgrave to Gembrook, supporting residents and the community to create a healthy natural environment for future generations.

<http://www.johnshill.org.au/>

The evening concluded with a discussion about how best to provide information to new residents eg. the EVA Newsletter, Real Estate Agents.

Shelley Beardshaw - EVA Committee

Laugh a Little or Smile a Lot



OK. He's in for "Money Laundering". What are the other two in for? Answer later in the Newsletter.

Puffing Billy Railways - Running Festival

The Puffing Billy Running Festival is back after a short hiatus, promising an exhilarating event for all ages and skill levels. Spanning two action-packed days on the 9 and 10 of September, the festival offers four different courses, catering to seasoned runners and families alike.

Day one kicks off with the 1.2km Kids Dash and a 5km Family Fun Run/Walk on September 9 at Emerald Lake Park. The iconic Puffing Billy steam locomotive sets the stage, providing a lively atmosphere for participants.

On September 10, the main event unfolds, as up to 3,000 runners face off against two massive steam locomotives in the heart-pounding 13.5km 'Classic' Run. For those seeking an even greater challenge, the all-new 21.1km road and trail Half Marathon tests endurance amidst the scenic hills of the Eastern Dandenong Ranges.

Spectators can also join the excitement and board the iconic Puffing Billy, potentially surpassing the racing runners. The Festival's Finish Zone is hosted at the state-of-the-art Lakeside Visitor Centre in Emerald Lake Park, offering food, beverages, retail options, and the Emerald Lake Park's picturesque surroundings.



The event is supported by Puffing Billy Railway's dedicated volunteers, with proceeds going towards vital heritage railway projects. Whether you're a seasoned participant or a first-time racer, there's a course suited for everyone. Secure your spot and avoid disappointment by registering early at <https://puffingbillyrunningfestival.com.au/>.

Sheena Dang - Communications Manager

Emerald U3A

Are you a Third Ager? If you've moved beyond the career-building or child-raising years and finally entered a phase when you can devote more time to yourself, then you are eligible to join U3A. Did you notice I didn't specify an age?

If you no longer work full time and identify as a Third Ager you might like to participate in some of our social, creative, educational, physical and leisure activities. Together we explore ideas and develop new interests and skills in a sociable and supportive environment.

Our Positive Ageing in the Hills afternoon seminar on 2nd October from 2pm promises to be an informative and enjoyable event. See flyer below for details of speakers and topics, and note it finishes with a free wine tasting of Emerleigh Estate wines, less than 5 kms from Emerald! I can vouch for the quality of this product and I'm not alone. It's a beautiful property, great range of wines and owner John Wall is friendly and informative, and the Estate is dog friendly too!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON SEMINAR
"POSITIVE AGING IN THE HILLS"

2 pm: **Welcome**, Pat Buoncristiani, President U3A Emerald
 2.10pm: **Legal Essentials**
 Keren Roma, KLR Legal, Emerald
 2.30pm: **Health for Seniors**
 Dr Melissa Monkhutch GP, Joseph Banks Medical Centre, Endeavour Hills

3.10-3.40pm **Afternoon tea**

3.40pm: **Financial Peace of Mind**
 Craig Volk, Retire Invest, Berwick.
 4.00pm: **Relationships**
 Andrew Boules, Snr Minister St Mark's Emerald.
 4.20pm: Close

4.30 - 5.15pm: **Wine Tasting**
 John Wall, Vigneron, Emerleigh Estate Emerald

MONDAY
 2 - 5PM **02** OCTOBER

DOWNSTAIRS AT THE HILLS HUB
 FOR U3A MEMBERS, PARTNERS & FRIENDS

U3A

U3A EMERALD, CARDINIA, SHERBROOKE & YARRA JUNCTION GROUPS
 ARE INVITED - SPACE IS LIMITED TO 160
 PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE/S EARLY
 ONLINE: WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM
 OR BY EMAIL: RUSSELL.SODERLUND@OUTLOOK.COM

The ACCC "Little Black Book of Scams" has recently been uploaded to our U3A Emerald website. <https://u3aemerald.org.au/the-little-black-book-of-scams/> It is a valuable resource.

Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity

Emerald Lake Car Parking

Rego
Annual parking pass Cardinia

Emerald Lake Park
 - a park for all seasons!

Phone: 1300 787 624 Pass number
www.emeraldlakepark.com.au Expiry date 31 August 2023
 Refer to website for opening hours Proudly managed by Cardinia Shire Council

All Cardinia residents can now enjoy free parking at Emerald Lake Park if their vehicle has a current annual car parking pass.

You can apply [here](#) on the Cardinia Council website. Please note, all passes expire 31 August and applications for a new pass will be required.

Please apply after 31 August for the new period commencing 1 September. If you desperately want to drive to the park, apply for a pass and it will be sent out.

Emerald RSL - Music Night

He's back due to popular demand. Make a note in your diary.

SAMMY OWEN

BLUES BAND

FRIDAY SEPT 29th

EMERALD RSL 

DOORS OPEN 7.30pm TICKETS \$20

FOR PRE- BOOKINGS AND RESERVATIONS
CONTACT PAUL : 0418 420 042

Emerald Museum

Shire Grant for Emerald Museum Renovation

On Wednesday 23 August, two representatives of the Emerald Museum attended a function at the Cardinia Shire offices where an official announcement was made of the recipients of the 2023-2024 Community Capital Works Grants Category 2. The Mayor, Tammy Radford, presented certificates to the successful organisations.

Emerald Museum received a grant to substantially assist with the cost of the installation of an automatic sliding glass door behind the existing front door. This is needed as the current front door has to remain open for visitors at Museum open times. An open door makes temperature and humidity control within the

Museum more challenging and allows for the incursion of dust, insects and of the occasional magpie (!). All of these have the potential to damage the collection.



The new door will assist the Museum in its longer term goal of fulfilling the requirements of the Australian Museums and Galleries Association (AmaGA) for accreditation. The requirements for AmaGA accreditation are stringent such that very few local museums have achieved this. However, we at the Emerald Museum are methodically working toward that goal.

We are most grateful to the Shire and its staff, as always, for their help and support.

Emerald Men's Shed

During the week of 3rd to 9th September the Men's Sheds in Australia are celebrating 30 years of existence.

However, due to the footpath works outside Hills Hub, the Emerald Men's Shed will be holding our celebration during the week 9th to 16th September and will include **an Open Day on 12th September** from 10am to 3pm and a Garage Sale combined with a BBQ on 16th September from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

We welcome all to come along and see us.

Tom Connolly - Men's Shed

Gemco Players

Gemco Players Community Theatre presents 'Stepping Out' by Richard Harris.

September 8 to 23, show times 8pm and matinees 2pm. This is a warm and very funny play which enjoyed a hugely successful West End run. The story follows the lives of the members of an amateur tap class. Each attending for their own reasons, Harris' play is a wonderfully endearing tale of how determination, friendship and camaraderie can shape even the most bashful into proud performers.



Mavis, a professional dancer who didn't quite make it past the chorus line, now runs her own class. A mixed, and otherwise incompatible, group of seven women and one man meet weekly for their tap-dancing class in a dingy London church hall. Each struggling to conquer either their inhibitions or dance technique, or both!

Then one day Mavis announces that they have been invited to perform in front of an audience for a big charity concert. With varying degrees of talent and determination we see how each class member copes with the challenge. Tickets: \$27 and \$24 conc. Discounts for groups. Available online (and at the door) www.gemcoplayers.org Gemco Players offer a light supper after the performance, with drinks available at bar prices.



Evie Housham - Gemco

ECHO Youth and Family Services

YOUTH EVENTS

We are excited to be running some youth events in the coming months. We will begin with a video game and VR night on September 6th, then a hang out on September 13th and Lasertag on October 18th. The events are free and open to all 12-19 year olds. You can find more information and book a place at www.echo.org.au/youth

YOUTH-LED EVENTS FOR 12-19 YEAR OLDS

Events are **free** and hosted at St. Mark's Church Hall

Register at www.echo.org.au/youth or scan the QR Code
Check out our Term 4 youth events - **more to come!**



Youth-led events are designed and delivered by ECHO Young Changemakers and supported by the Victorian Government



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Many of you would be aware of ECHO's community consultation that ran from April to June this year. An overview of our survey results and feedback from our community meetings is now available and can be found at www.echo.org.au/hills



CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Council have launched **Cardinia Support**, now available at www.cardiniasupport.com.au

It is an online portal, allowing community services to update their listings, and community members to search for the local support they need. The online database lists a range of social, health and community services available in Cardinia Shire, including:

- Children, Youth and Family services
- Mental health support
- Family violence support
- Financial hardship support
- Food relief and homelessness support
- ... and much more.

Youth Services - Support all young people 12-24yrs:

- Contact us @ My Place Youth Facility - myplace@cardinia.vic.gov.au or ph 1800 496 884
- Council facilitates a range of programs and events for young people in the Shire both within schools, after school and during the school holidays. For up-to-date information regarding the programs and services offered by the Youth Services team visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth

Complex Needs:

- Council contracted Berry Street to provide a Youth and Family Outreach Program for young people/families of young people with complex support needs (school disengagement, mental health, drug and alcohol, family conflict etc) in the Cardinia Shire. For further information/referral forms email: youthoutreachproject@berrystreet.org.au

Youth Directory

- For information about services for young people 12-24yrs in Cardinia, Casey and Cardinia visit www.youthpositivepathways.com.au

Next month I will write about services available from Maternal and Child Health (MCH).

Anmarie Saffin - Manager Community & Family Services

FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK

Friends of Emerald Lake Park conducted a very successful community BBQ outside the Emerald Village Meats last Saturday. Many thanks to Alan and staff and the community for their support.

September is the time for our Weedbusters activities. The annual "Trees for Weeds" swap will be held outside the Library on Saturday September 2nd in conjunction with Cardinia Shire Council and other local environment groups.

We are holding our annual activity with Emerald P.S. grade 3 students and staff with lots of weeds being pulled.

The community are invited to participate in a Weedbusters activity by joining our working bee on Thursday 21st September at 9-11am meet at Lakeside car park.

Keep your eyes open for Emerald Star Bush plants which will be flowering very soon. October is Emerald Star Bush Awareness month.

Sheila Hampson - President



Do You Have Unwanted Children's Books?

**We need them!!....
for the Rotary stall at the
Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy
All proceeds support
Monash Children's Hospital
Cancer Centre**

Need your books collected? - Email
chrismcleod07@yahoo.com
gloriah@netspace.net.au

Kids Fun Run with
Puffing Billy
Save the Date
26 November 2023
Registrations open on
28 August
Scan QR Code for run
details



Rotary
Emerald & District

Emerald Ladies Probus Club

Emerald Ladies Probus Club will have its own version of the Melbourne Show when it next meets on Monday, September 18th

Members will bring their entries across a variety of show categories including art, photography, handicrafts, cookery, and floristry.

In addition, well-known artist and Probus member Chris Britton will display and talk about her new art work creating pictures with paint and fabric, and a primary school student will show how to use fluid art techniques to create colourful clocks and small items.

This month there are various activities including visits to the recently-opened Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda, and the always picturesque Alwyn Gardens in Yarra Glen.

The 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. Contact Chris Britton on 0421 338 124.

What's New in Emerald?

Maisie's Milk Bar

We welcome Sharon Wills to our shopping community. In Heroes Avenue next door to Angus Hairdressing.



"PARTIES. SWEETS. GIFTS & TREATS"

Meet us at Maisie's for a fresh and inviting retail experience offering an affordable range of family friendly nostalgic sweets, treats, drinks and gifts, along with plenty of indoor space to catch up with

friends while the little ones have fun in our toddler play area!

Maisie's bright and engaging space is also available for party bookings, so take the stress and mess out of kids' parties at home and bring the fun to us instead!!

Opening in time for the September school holidays, Maisie's Milk Bar hopes to become a well-loved destination for both locals and visitors to our beautiful town of Emerald.

"MAKE MEMORIES AT MAISIE'S – A MODERN MILK BAR IN THE MOUNTAINS"

Sharon Wills - Owner

Emerald CFA

Emerald CFA Volunteer Firefighters honoured with the National Emergency Medal



At the ceremony held in July at Mater Christi College in Belgrave, Emerald CFA firefighters contributed to the 5,500 CFA members to receive the honour for their efforts in the 2019-2020 Australian bushfire crisis.

The National Emergency Medal recognises significant or sustained service to others in a nationally significant Australian emergency.

During the Black Summer, many Emerald CFA firefighters were deployed on strike teams that travelled interstate to Grafton and to the multiple rotations throughout East Gippsland including Mallacoota, Sarsfield and Buchan. Our firefighters conducted a variety of tasks ranging from fighting bushfires and peat fires, back burning, strike team commander, driving trucks, community engagement and delivering medical supplies to remote towns.

As we now look to this Summer we are once again preparing and ready to protect our community.

Emerald CFA



Thanks Vince. Memories of Credence.

Emerald Arts Society

John Dudley Portrait Prize Update

The 9 Finalists and the Winner of the exhibition are currently on display at the Cardinia Cultural Centre until the 28th of September, 10am to 3pm. Congratulations to the People's Choice Winner Karen Bloomfield with her artwork titled "Pause".



Wendy Lindrea - Emerald Arts Society

I just don't know how a cemetery can raise burial prices, and blame it on the cost of living.

**REGISTER TO PLAY
SUMMER BASKETBALL**

JOIN@EMERALDLAKERS.COM.AU
WWW.EMERALDLAKERS.COM.AU

ROUND 1 SUMMER GAMES BEGIN SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Emerald Lakers Basketball Club offers community basketball for all Hill's kids and families to enjoy, we have teams to suit all ages and abilities including junior programs for young players 4 to 8 years. Emerald Lakers has teams to suit all skills levels from U8's to U23's including Mid Week Seniors.

EMERALD PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL STADIUM
2 Heroes Ave, Emerald

Emerald Ladies Probus donation to the Emerald RSL for Remembrance Day. Magic.



Remembrance Day 2023

Message from the Emerald RSL

Remembrance Day this year falls on a Saturday - 11th November - and will be held at Anzac Place. Not in town Central near the cenotaph.



Award-winning greengrocer, the Emerald Fruit Barn is no stranger to locals having been in Emerald for 16 years. Aldo & Rosanne, the husband and wife team who own and operate your local, have been in the vegetable industry for more than 40 years.

Many of us see Aldo in his large transport truck making his way back into Emerald three times a week, returning from the wholesale market in Epping, where he arrives at 1.30am, to hand-select the freshest produce for their customers.

Emerald Fruit Barn has won many industry awards acknowledging their many years of experience for their quality and range of produce, and their support of local growers. Their most recent accolade is being voted one of Victoria's top 10 favourite fruit shops in August 2023, and we're not surprised.

They pride themselves on being in tune with their customers and the local hospitality businesses they cater for. Along with their amazing team, Raymond, Sam, Connie, Maria, and Bec they take great pleasure in providing their valued customers, with fresh tasty produce of the best quality and value for money; friendly, helpful and efficient service.

In addition to fruit & veg, they stock fresh sourdough bread every day, local milk, farm-fresh eggs, market-fresh flowers at market prices and so much more to accommodate the needs of their customers, whether it be choosing the best produce for them, responding to their questions, sharing recipe ideas, or carrying their groceries to the car for them. For enquiries, call Emerald Fruit Barn on 5968 5544. Visit Emerald Fruit Barn at Shop 1-3, 5 Kilvington Drive, Emerald. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

Remember to support local & your local community -
a vibrant town is a healthy town

Eastern Dandenong Ranges Business & Tourism supports you in your business with networking, promotion, training & advocacy. A membership with EDRA will extend the promotional reach of your business, and collaboratively, we showcase a bigger offering to locals and visitors to our hills townships. EDRA advocates at a local, state & federal government level for better support, services and infrastructure to support businesses in the Eastern Dandenong Ranges.

For more information visit www.edra.org.au and www.easterndandenongranges.com.au. Email ask@edra.org.au or call 0419 584 498.

Cardinia - Green Waste Drop Off

Prepare for the 2023-24 bushfire season.

Cardinia holds **FREE** green waste drop off days for Cardinia Shire residents in September and October.

Green waste can be dropped off in residential vehicles and trailers only. Commercial business operators cannot use the service.

You need to bring Photo ID that shows your home address in Cardinia Shire.

The green waste is shredded and taken to a composting facility. It is then broken down and turned into high-quality soil conditioner to help grow food and gardens in Victoria.

Drop-off dates and location:

Lysterfield – Friday 13 to Monday 16 October 2023

Cleanaway Resource Recovery Centre

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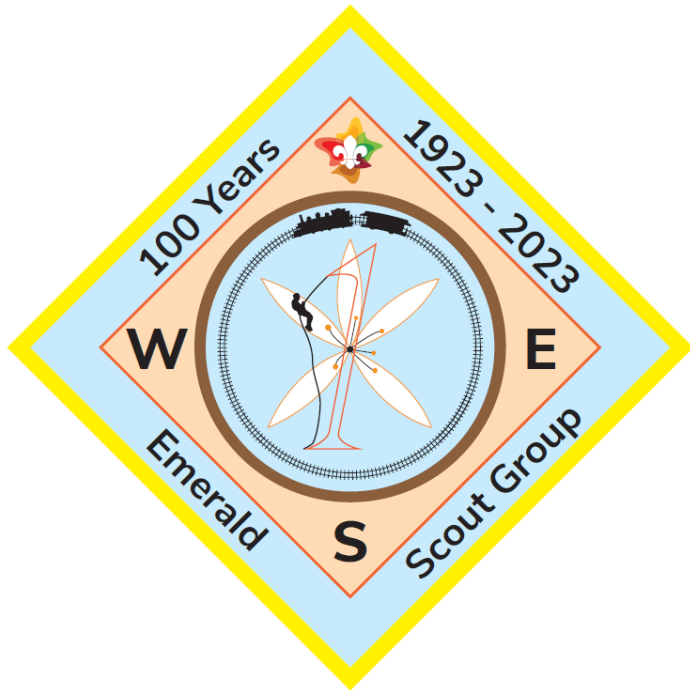
Friday 13 October: 8am to 4pm

Saturday 14 and Sunday October 15: 8am to 12pm (noon)

Monday 16 October: 8am to 4pm

Emerald Scouts - 100 Years in the Making

SCOUTING FOR PAST MEMBERS



Emerald Scout Group will be celebrating its centenary on the weekend of the 18th & 19th November and wishes to engage with and invite former members to the celebration.

If you, your siblings, your friends, parents, or organisations were associated with or have memorabilia from Emerald Scouts, we would welcome you to contact us so we can update our nominal membership roll and extend invitations to our centenary.

Further information will shortly be on our facebook page and website www.emeraldscouts.org.au or contact Jeff Latter Group Leader by email jeff.latter@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Do you know anyone in this photo?



Emerald Scouts at St Marks

Photo probably 1930's

Rev Clark to the right and possibly Rev Porter or McCoy to the left.

Ladies in hats possibly Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Hunt, and Mrs Beaver.

Jeff Latter - Emerald Scouts

What's New in Emerald

A big Emerald welcome to Lyn Watson and:



New to Emerald in September, we welcome Grace and Louie Booksellers to the village. Local resident Lyn Watson has combined her lifelong love of books with her many years of business experience to create

her store on the corner of Kilvington Drive and Heroes Avenue.

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Join the loyalty program for news, special offers and discounts. Details available in store.

Children's readings and book clubs will launch in 2024.

RSL Combined Services Night

The Emerald RSL hosted a combined services social night last Wednesday night. About 40 members of all four services - the Ambos, Vicpol, CFA and SES enjoyed the opportunity to mix with their first responder colleagues.

The Emerald RSL will make this an annual event - an opportunity for the Club to say thankyou to those men and women who look after our township.



Emerald Secondary College

Recently the EVA initiated a closer working relationship with our local Emerald Secondary College.



The 4 College Captains for 2023 – Jackson Acott, Caiti Ellis, Ethan Crosher and Hayley Marshall.

This is a letter to EVA from one of the school captains, Ethan Crosher.

*Hello! My name is Ethan Crosher, a year 12 VCE student at Emerald Secondary College. Through the extremely hectic year it has been and despite the speed in which it has seemed to go, there is one lesson that I have learned and it is something I will take with me as I enter "the real world" and beyond...this is the lesson of the need for **balance**.*

The journey through VCE is a pivotal phase in a student's academic life, characterised by personal growth and the pursuit of future aspirations. While excelling in academics is a primary goal for many, it is essential to recognize the vitalness of balance in VCE studies. At Emerald Secondary College, we are encouraged to participate in extracurricular pursuits to counteract the stresses experienced throughout the hectic year that year 12 is.

Having a balanced lifestyle, especially in Year 12, is imperative as it can mean the difference between having a healthy, positive year, and burning out early. Dividing your time between things you have to do and things you want to do is all part of adult life.

Striking a balance between academic success, extracurricular activities, and personal well-being will assist every student in achieving their goals. Balance in every facet of life cannot be overstated—it fosters academic achievement, personal growth, and long-term well-being. Embracing this enhances students' academic performance but also equips them with the skills, resilience, and outlook necessary to thrive in the dynamic landscape of education and beyond.

Emerald Secondary College Captain

Ethan Crosher



Cardinia - What's happening?

Connected Communities Update

Volunteer Training

Grant Writing Workshop

Wednesday 13 September
6.30pm - 8.30pm (hybrid)

This session is designed to provide the tools, strategies and confidence necessary for writing successful grant applications.

Preventing & Managing Community Group Conflict

Wednesday 18 October
6.30pm - 8.30pm (hybrid)

This session will provide participants with the foundations for creating an inclusive and productive group culture.

For further information and to register, visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering

Puffing Billy Place Reserve

Redevelopment Drop In Sessions

Have your say on the development of a masterplan for the reserve.

Tuesday 26 September, 11am-12:30pm
at Puffing Billy Place Reserve

HILLS HUB

The EVA recently ran a successful evening on *Connecting to your Community*. The evening showcased an amazing array of programs and services available for families in Emerald and the surrounding communities.

Every month we have the pleasure of the Emerald Regional Bee Keepers at the hub. They recently embarked on a Mead making workshop to learn about the fermentation process. If you are interested in learning more or would like to get involved you can find them on Facebook or email emeraldregionalbeekeepers@gmail.com.



Pictured:
Emerald
Regional Bee
Keepers at the
Community
Group Expo



Coming up at the Hub

Dreamer, Makers, Shapers

7- 27 September

Mon to Fri 10am - 1pm

An exhibition in the art space by Glenn Guy. The exhibition will focus on local creatives, the value they add to our community while celebrating inclusion and diversity.

Toby the T-Rex

18 September

10:30-11:30am

Emerald Library are hosting a roar-some time with an interactive story experience about Toby the T-Rex.

Positive Ageing in the Hills

2 October

2pm - 5pm

U3A Emerald are hosting a seminar with subjects on legal essentials, health, finances and relationships.

Cardinia Shire Council

Report any issue to the Council that requires their attention. Email: mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

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



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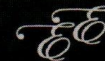
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