

# Emerald Village Association Inc.

Reg. No. A01047531

## NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2020

The objective of the EVA is to issue a Newsletter after monthly EVA meetings. Copies will be distributed to members, put on our Facebook page, our website, the EVA noticeboard and various outlets around the town. Our aim is to keep residents informed of current developments in Emerald - and encourage all to get involved by attending the EVA meetings.

The EVA is heartened by the way the Emerald community has adapted to the Corona Virus compliance regime. Many businesses are still open and many people are still at work; cafes and restaurants can only cater for takeaway food and drinks. Hairdressers by appointment if at all. All community groups are closed and Puffing Billy has stopped running. All schools are experiencing new teaching protocols which are quite demanding for students, teachers and parents. The library is closed.

### EVA MEETINGS

The last two meetings of the EVA have been cancelled due to the Corona Virus compliance rules that govern the meeting of residents in public.

The next meeting of the EVA is not expected to occur until the Corona Virus rules are lifted.

### ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day in Emerald has an historic tradition. Thousands of locals, young and old stand together at the dawn service to contemplate the sacrifices made by those who served and those who died. We stand side by side, heads bowed, to the sounds of the Ode, the Last Post, Puffing Billy and the kookaburras on cue.

Unfortunately due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, in 2020 we can't stand together. So Emerald RSL has made it easy for you to create your very own Anzac Day Ceremony. Just go to [www.emeraldrsl.com.au](http://www.emeraldrsl.com.au) website and you will find the "Last Post" video that includes the Ode, Last Post, minutes silence and Reveille.

The Government has an Anzac Day program TV at 5.30. At 6am go outside to your front nature strip, verandah or deck.

Light a candle and play the video on your phone or tablet.

**And stand as one.**

### LEST WE FORGET

Wreaths can still be laid at Anzac Place - privately.

### HARD RUBBISH

The next Council hard rubbish pick up will commence on May 4th. See Council website for more details re rubbish that is appropriate.

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Puffing Billy Great Train Race - cancelled.  
Lions Grow It Bake It Make it community market at Gemco - cancelled till further notice  
ECH Market - cancelled till further notice.  
Anzac Day - there will be no march or services.  
Anzac Day Football - Emerald v Gembrook  
Anzac Day match cancelled. May occur when restrictions are lifted.  
Hills Hub Opening - cancelled till further notice

The PAVE festival and Funfest had to be cancelled. This was a great disappointment to all those who worked so hard to make it happen.

### EMERALD MESSENGER

The April edition has hit the stands. The ECH is to be congratulated in being able to publish this excellent community journal in these trying times.

This edition has a complete guide to the Cardinia COVID-19 regulations.

The government's economic stimulus package - detailed information in this edition.

We note that the Dig-In community cafe continues to provide prepared frozen meals on Monday-Friday 10am-3pm.

## **EMERALD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB and WORRELL RESERVE**

The new ground is ready to go when restrictions are lifted and the pavilion is now nearing completion pending Certificate of Occupancy.

Also the Worrell Reserve project to install new oval training lights, coaches boxes and a high ball net is expected to be completed soon.

The car parking will be completed after arrangements are agreed upon with the Hills Hub management.

The community clubs using the reserve are the Emerald Junior Football and Cricket Clubs and the Emerald community gym.

## **ROAD SEALING**

Refer to Council minutes for a list of proposed roads to be sealed in Emerald and surrounds.

The Council is preparing a communications exercise regarding the programme.

## **CARDINIA REPORT**

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Online Help Hub**

This online support and resource centre has been designed to help you during the Coronavirus pandemic.

We hope you'll find it useful, in what is a stressful and challenging time for everyone.

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

## **EXERCISE**

There appears to be a concerted effort by many in Emerald to exercise themselves and the family dog. There are many places to explore - the Emerald Lake, Pepi's Land trails, the Cockatoo trail, the track to Clematis and the path to Avonsleigh.

## **ZOOMING**

This is the latest pastime to maintain sanity and connection with friends and family. Zoom, WhatsApp, FaceTime, HouseParty are the main computer/device apps that are being used.

Local groups using Zoom that we know of are:

Emerald RSL - The Zoom Bar

St Marks - Sundays 100am

U3A Current Affairs

Rotary Club of Emerald

Hub Operations Committee

And many families are keeping in contact with kids and grand kids.

## **BOOKS AND READING**

The Emerald Library has recently received an exterior makeover. Colours look excellent blending in well with the Hub building next door.

Message from Chris, Emerald Library CEO:-

*"We deeply appreciate your patience and understanding as we closed the doors of our library nearly three weeks ago.*

*We really miss seeing you in our Libraries.*

*The good news is that the team at Casey Cardinia Libraries (CCL) are working hard to ensure that your library continues to provide you with free access to reading materials, programs and activities. We are here for you.*

*Through the coming weeks and months we want everyone to be able to access their local library whether it be online or by phone.*

*Remember - we have forgiven all fines, so if you have not used our services in a while get in touch and we can restore your borrowing rights and give you free access to our e-resources.*

*And please don't worry about returning your items on time, all CCL loans have been automatically extended until 1 July 2020. Hang onto your items, we will let you know when our return chutes are back open."*

The Clematis commonality "library" is still opening located near the Puffing Billy crossing in western Clematis.

Many residents have adopted a book sharing arrangement where they leave boxes of books out in a sheltered area for others to use.

## **THE HILLS HUB**

The Hills Hub is closed till further notice. Its re-opening will be linked to all other Cardinia community centres. More information about the Hills Hub including Room Hire is now available at [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hillshub](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hillshub).

At its 16th March 2020 meeting the Council reviewed a detailed report on provision of a customer service presence at the Hills Hub, and decided not proceed with a pilot project.

## **NETBALL COMPLEX**

Council reported that the pavilion build has commenced and should be ready for the summer netball competition