

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the priority goals for the EVA in 2022 is to re-establish a planning/consultancy committee which will not only provide input to the Shire on planning issues, but other factors that have an impact on our town.

We have endeavored to find information from Council on developments but we plan to improve the input from the community to decisions affecting our town.

Currently we have 53 EVA members. You can join for free, be informed of current developments AND we will seek feedback from you and the wider community.

For information go to our Facebook page, website, noticeboard (near the IGA), talk to reps at the next Village Market where we will have a stall or contact me.

The EVA is keen to establish a community calendar for its website. Please advise dates of activities you would like to promote.

Dick Bartley - President

WORRELL RESERVE - CARPARK

The new carpark at Worrell Reserve is under construction.



Normal activities such as the Library, Cricket, Footy training, U3A at The Hills Hub are continuing

but you may need to park off site. Completion is set for April 1st.

ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT



Rotary Club of Emerald and District President Shalini Penny (middle) hands over a \$1,000 cheque to Nicole Lane of St Mark's Church, Emerald (left) and Sue Barbieri of St Luke's Church of Cockatoo.

The work of our club is vast as it is diverse and this is reflected in the myriad community initiatives we have supported in recent months through financial donations and volunteer activity.

In December, we donated \$500 each to St Mark's Church of Emerald and St Luke's Church of Cockatoo towards the distribution of Christmas hampers and vouchers to bring some festive cheer to local families in need. We also raised \$2214.77 through our Christmas raffle which will be directed to club activities in support of the community. On the back of delivering Care Bags to Emerald Secondary College Year 12 students to help them through the exam period, we also provided hampers with a variety of goodies to Grade 6 students of Emerald Primary School.

All are welcome to our monthly Rotary Trash 2 Treasure Market which kicks off again on Saturday 12 February, from 8.30am-1.30pm at the Emerald Primary School oval on Heroes Avenue. The market has a diverse range of merchandise on

offer and we'll be running our famous sausage sizzle on the day.

We'd also like to invite everyone to the Rotary Storm Recovery Festival on Sunday 29 February from 10am-4.30pm at Monbulk Recreation Reserve, Moore's Road. There'll be food stalls, crafts and gifts, live music, a petting zoo, kids' zone, amusements, CFA and SES displays, giveaways and more. All proceeds go towards Rotary Storm Recovery Projects.

To learn more about our friendly and fun club, please visit <https://www.emeraldrotary.org.au/> or call 0408 769 491.

Ros Weadman - Publicity

EVA - REPORT

Well, it was a very windy, coolish night with the doors of our meeting room left open for even better ventilation in Covid 19 times. But the discussion was warm and informative. We talked about future projects in Emerald and Districts and the year ahead...

Trevor Budge and the EVA Planning Committee tabled a statement of purpose and focus they had compiled. It sees the EVA and the Community working co-operatively with the Council, to help complete a new and long overdue Strategic Planning Document. The Planning Committee generally seek to protect the character and livability of Emerald and Districts with new developments being appropriate and able to fulfill the needs of the Community - both now and in the future. They are seeking to meet and talk with Council planning representatives and administrative staff to help set a way forward.

Vanessa Kewish from EVER (Emerald Village Exercise and Recreation Group) told us of the Council's new proposal to bring the Skatepark outlined in the Worrell Reserve Master Plan forward in the Council's planning and budget timetable. This, rather than build a temporary Pop Up Park. The EVA supported this idea and encouraged Vanessa and the Community to build the momentum for this.

We also discussed the Newsletter and the ease of obtaining a copy - to be supplemented by the use of the EVA Website. We need more Members from all ages and stages in the Community.

Membership is free and we are hoping to have some engaging meetings this year.

Peter Cook from the Dandenong Ranges Energy Association spoke to us about the new entrance to Emerald Road sign; a proposal for a Clean Energy Mural to be painted in Emerald and the suggestion for a fast charging port for Electric Cars. And he distributed an "Emerald Solar Town-I Shop Locally" bumper sticker to everyone there!

Another Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd February - to continue to plan the Year ahead - let us know your ideas and issues!

Shelley Beardshaw - EVA

EMERALD LADIES PROBUS

Are you looking to do something in retirement in 2022? Why not join Emerald Ladies Probus Club?

Emerald Ladies Probus Club opens the door to new experiences and friendships to all retired or semi-retired ladies. You can hear wonderful guest speakers at our monthly meetings, and you'll have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities and outings held throughout the year. Our club is non-fundraising and purely a social outlet to have fun with like-minded people.

Our next meeting is Monday 21 February. The guest speaker is Carolyn Pethick who served in the Victoria Police Force for over 30 years. Carolyn will talk about her experiences in the police force and her book 'To Hell and Back - a Policewoman's Story'.

We welcome you to come along as a visitor to meet our members and consider joining our club. Meetings are held at the Emerald RSL on the third Monday of each month (except December) at 10am.

Linda McIvor - Ladies Probus

U3A

Car Parking. With U3A classes resuming at the beginning of February, our president Pat Buoncristiani has been liaising with the Council for more and better options given the time it is taking. It seems the urgency to complete this project is now understood and we have been advised:

The **kerb work** for the whole car park will be done between the 31st January and 13th February (weather depending).

The car parking along the Hills Hub/Library* will then be opened while works in the other section are completed – weather depending, from Monday 14th February.

The opened section* will later be closed for 1 day to completely finish the works.

Covid Issues: It is generally accepted that fresh air or at least quality air is a key factor in preventing the spread of the virus. Spaces within the Hub are mostly open to outside airflow, and the air-conditioning installed has frequent air exchange thanks to the inbuilt CO2 sensors.

Windows in rooms on the upper level cannot be opened, so president Pat has researched air purifying units for the two upstairs training rooms and Art Space. Based on the recommendations of the University of Melbourne, Samsung AX5500K air purifiers with a clean air delivery rate of 467 cubic meters per hour have been chosen and will, together with the CO2 sensors, add significant peace of mind for users of these spaces. These will be purchased and placed in the Hub during the week beginning 31/2/2022. U3A is purchasing these out of our own funds and as filters need to be replaced from time to time and so they will be for the sole use of U3A classes in the Hub. Pat has requested that the Hub purchase a third as the Council is unprepared to supply them for their buildings unless required to by the government.

U3A Membership

Membership with U3A Emerald is on a year-by-year basis, for only \$40 pa. This provides access to numerous classes and activities which promise to provide hours of enjoyment, friendship and learning. Our numbers following the start of the year applications are down on last year.

If you are deterred by the risk of living with Covid, please consider and enquire about the option of joining classes by Zoom during times of widespread presence.

Until next time, stay safe; be happy; and keep cool 😎

Heather Bishop - Publicity

HILLS HUB EVENT CALENDAR

Sing and Grow music therapy playgroup at Hills Hub

Registrations now open

– free but limited spaces available



The Hills Hub is joining with Emerald Library to offer in Term 1

Monday 10 to 11am at the Hills Hub

8-week program starting 7th February 2022

Run by Music therapist

Looking for an 8-week commitment

Program designed to family and ages of the participants from 0 to 5 years old

For more information -

<https://www.singandgrow.org/about-us/>

Register via email – hills.hub@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Hills Hub Toy Library

We're excited to be back open for borrowing and looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and hopefully a few new ones!

We're still busy sorting and organising the new space here at the Hills hub, and as this progresses we will be updating our collection as well as selling toys unsuitable for hiring out any more, so come in and find a bargain!

Our opening hours this term are Saturdays 10-11.30am and Mondays 9.30-11.30am

Hope to see you soon!

Website: <https://www.puffingbillytoylibrary.com.au/>

Puffing Billy Toy Library email:

puffingbillytoylibrary@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE THE HILLS HUB NEW OPENING HOURS TO THE PUBLIC - 10AM TO 1PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2022

“Step up to Clean up” on **Sunday March 6th** and join the Emerald Clean Team at Worrell Reserve in Emerald at this 18th Clean Up Australia Day event.

The community is invited to meet in the car park below the Library at 9:00 am. We will finish at 11:00 am with a well earned morning tea.

Bring your own gloves. Bags will be provided. Families with children are welcome to participate. Register on- line at cleanupaustaliaday.org.au or on the day.

This will be the last event that the Emerald Clean Team will organize, cleaning up litter not only on Clean -Up Australia Day, but prior to Covid-19, bimonthly. It is time to hang up our bags and gloves. Unfortunately the litter will still persist, so if another group would like to organize an event for 2023 and beyond let us know on Sunday March 6th.

Sheila Hampson - Emerald Clean Team

VALE - JUNE DUDLEY



The Emerald Arts Society is saddened to hear of the passing of June Dudley.

June passed away peacefully in Bairnsdale on the 18th of January 2022 with family by her side. June, and husband John Dudley moved to Emerald from Bayswater in 1990 and grew to love the Emerald Township and the community, joining a number of clubs especially Emerald Arts Society and U3A.

June was a committee member and treasurer for many years at the arts society and was awarded life membership in 2018.

June was a gifted drawer and painter winning numerous prizes for her art. Her landscape paintings were mainly done plein air. She loved her classes at Emerald U3A especially poetry and Botanical art, which she excelled in. She was a very social person enjoying the company of others wherever she went.

June was also a committee member of the prestigious Twenty Melbourne Painters having an exhibition every year to display her wonderful watercolor and oils paintings.

She will be sadly missed not just by the Emerald Arts Society but by the countless friends she made within the Emerald Community and beyond.

The Dudley family will be organizing a service for her at St Marks in Emerald, possibly in March /April (hopefully when Covid restrictions are eased) at which time people can pay their respects.

A reception will be held after the service at the Emerald Arts Society.

We will keep you posted regarding the dates and times once they have been confirmed.

Wendy Lindrea - Emerald Arts Society

EMERALD ARTS SOCIETY

Last year started well for the Arts Society but it was once again derailed by intermittent Covid lock-downs. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the John Dudley Portrait Prize due to the restrictions. I would like to thank the committee, the artists and all the other people involved who worked so hard to get it up and running only to have it canceled.

After the canceling of this event the committee was determined to hold the Annual Art Show in November. When it again became obvious that we would not be able to hold the event in the usual manner the committee made the decision to conduct an on-line show. After a few hiccups, some zoom meetings, a lot of work and a steep learning curve we now have a new platform for future exhibitions in years to come. We were very happy with the result which was very well supported considering this was our first on-line event.

We hope 2022 will see a return to all classes, more paint out opportunities and many new faces.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members who have worked so hard in

what has again been a challenging year and all the members that have supported the EAS.

We look forward to 2022 being an uninterrupted year where we can enjoy art and the company of our friends.

Coming Events:

1. Craig Penny 3 day workshops - Feb 9th
2. Online Watercolor class - start Feb 4th
3. Printmaking Monotype Workshop - Feb 19th
4. Life drawing session - Feb 8th

Russell Simpson - President

EMERALD MENS SHED

The Emerald Men's Shed is open for business at the Hills Hub. We have a magnificent state of the art working environment that is open to all liked minded blokes who would like to get their hands dirty or would just like to chat.

Open Tuesday to Thursday plus Saturday morning. C'mon say g'day at the Men's Shed.

Emerald Men's Shed email:

mensshedemerald@gmail.com

Mob: 0490 851 835

WHERE AM I



This time where is this plaque located ?

The first correct entry will receive a \$15 voucher for The Laughing Fox.

Contact Dick Bartley - dickbartley08@gmail.com

Last month's winner was Jeff Latter who identified the horse trough in Kilvington Drive

CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL REPORT

Cardinia Shire Council Grants

The Community Wellbeing Support Grants and Community Capital Works Grant programs are now open. Both grant rounds close on 5pm, Friday 11 March.

Community Wellbeing and Support Grants

This program helps to establish new organisations, projects and services. They can also fund initiatives that improve residents' health and wellbeing, support opportunities for volunteering, as well as those which help to build the capacity of community groups, projects and programs to be sustainable.

Community Wellbeing and Support Grants

Program funding categories include:

- Seeding grants
- Volunteering grants
- Small change grants

Community Capital Works Grants

This program assists community groups or organisations managing public facilities, on Council-owned or Crown land. These grants aim to improve community and recreational facilities, to support community networks and, enhance community health and wellbeing.

The Community Capital Works Grant classifications include:

- Category 1 - Community and recreation facility upgrades
- Category 2 - Partnership grants
- Category 3 - Major equipment grants

Both grant rounds close on 5pm, Friday 11 March.

For more information and to check your eligibility visit cardinia.smartygrants.com.au/

Stan Henwood Award Nominations

The annual Stan Henwood Award recognises individuals who have made outstanding, long term contributions to the local community. Each year Council recognises volunteers across Cardinia Shire for their community service.

You can Nominate someone you think has made a valuable contribution to our community.

For more,

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/StanHenwoodAward

HILLS HUB- WHAT'S ON CARDINIA FESTIVAL

- 1-28 Feb: Emerald Aspires (blackboard project) with Glenn Hambleton (<https://fb.me/e/2bcJkwt0e>)
Glenn Hambleton, member of Emerald Arts Society, will be creating a community wall space where positive messages and thoughts can be written on three large chalk boards located at Hills Hub, Emerald.
- 1-7 Feb: See how etchings are printed (intaglio printmaking) with Lana de Jager (<https://fb.me/e/2d24IHDqh>)
Watch local printmaker, Lana de Jager, demonstrate how an original piece of art is made from an etched plate: from inking to final product, using a traditional printing press.
- 8-13 Feb: Light Breaking Through The Darkness (UV reactive art) with Natalia Pedan (<https://fb.me/e/ZNsiH4XI>)
Multi-modality artist Natalia Pedan will be exhibiting some of her unique UV reactive artworks and hand decorated clothing at Hills Hub in February.
- 14-18 Feb: Untangled (immersive video projection) with Phil Byers (<https://fb.me/e/1XdR01oVT>)
'Untangled' is an immersive video projection artwork by local creative Phil Byers, which explores the personal journey of navigating physical and psychological pressures.

HILLS PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Hills Photographic Society exhibition at the Hills Hub

Wednesday 9 March – Saturday 16 April

<https://whatsoncardinia.com.au/event/15019393-a/major-photographic-exhibition>

CARDINIA STORM RECOVERY

Council's Recovery officers are available to provide information and support to residents impacted by storms in 2021. Speak to an officer in person at the Hills Hub every Wednesday and Thursday during opening hours, or via phone on 1300 787 624 during business hours Monday to Friday. You can also email the recovery team on recovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au.

Recovery programs available for affected residents:

- We encourage residents to contact the Statewide Storm and Flood Recovery

Hotline on 1800 560 760 to access recovery support case workers including mental health and wellbeing support

- You can chat to a recovery officer about planning, rates, or other council recovery services.
- Contact our recovery team to book additional kerbside green waste collections to assist with clean up.
- We are working with, Habitats for Humanity and Treasuring Our Trees to refer residents who have additional property clean up requirements.
- We are working with South East Community Links (SECL) to offer financial counseling appointments. You can book a face to face appointment at Emerald Hills Hub or an over the phone appointment. Contact SECL on 9549 5288 to book.
- Community members can join a free Accidental Counselor training workshop on Saturday 12 March from 10am to 3pm at the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre (2 McBride street, Cockatoo). You can RSVP via recovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au.
- Business owners can join our free business recovery workshop on Wednesday 16 March from 10am to 2pm at Emerald Hills Hub (402 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald). You can RSVP via viarecovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au.

For more information about storm recovery support and events, or to sign up to Council's recovery newsletter, visit: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/stormrecovery

Trelawney Holt - Recovery Communications

CREATING CARDINIA - ROAD SEALING

Feedback is invited from residents re the sealing of Old Gembrook, Durban and Sheriff Roads.

<https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/old-gembrook-road-emerald>

GEMCO PLAYERS

Notice of AGM:

Saturday February 5th 2pm at Gemco.

MARGARET HALL - OAM

(posthumously awarded)



The late Margaret Hall has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to the community of Emerald.

Margaret (Marg) and her husband Desmond (Des) were drawn to the hills from suburban Melbourne with a weekender purchased in Cockatoo in 1980 with a plan to retire there, which they ultimately did in 1991. They loved the trees, birds and local environment, and soon became part of the Cockatoo and Emerald community. Marg joined the Emerald Uniting Church in 1991, became part of the choir and commenced writing the church's monthly bulletin, which she continued for over a decade.

She undertook various tasks with efficiency and enthusiasm, including church readers, flower rosters and stepping in as a backup for the organist. For the 25 year anniversary of the Emerald Uniting Church, she authored A Church of their Own – 25 Years of the Uniting Church in Emerald.

Marg was a founding member of the Emerald University of the Third Age (U3A), which sought to establish an outlet for members of the local community to continue to learn and share their knowledge and skills. With Des, Marg ran the Armchair Travel Group, sharing their travel experiences across many decades (they met as working travelers in London and married there in 1960) and opened their home for courses and

celebrations. She was also involved with the Garden Group, which was a great outlet for her passion for all things floral.

Always contributing to the communities in which she lived, Marg brought her positive outlook and bubbling personality to helping others. Marg passed away in August 2020.

Report from The Pakenham Gazette.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

The EVA passed a motion at its recent meeting:

- That the EVA supports, in principle, the provision of an electric fast car charging station in Emerald.

A decision where to locate the station was not suggested but The Hills Hub vicinity would make sense.

The EVA also supported, in principle the commissioning of a Clean Energy mural supporting the town's commitment to solar panels.

COMMUNITY ROAD SIGN

The EVA agreed to support the upgrading of the community road that greets visitors and residents to Emerald. It would be repositioned after VicRoads approval.



DIG IN COMMUNITY GROCERY



DIG In Community Grocery is now open for business. Also open during the Emerald Market 10-3 pm on market Sunday.

Location - Murphys Lane next to the medical center.
Access from Kilvington Drive on weekends.

Report - ECH

SKATEBALL PARK

The EVA passed the following motion at its recent meeting

The Emerald Village Association supports the Council's decision for the Worrell Reserve Master Plan Redevelopment of Netball Courts to be amended to bring forward the plans for the Skateboard Park.

CARDINIA CITIZENS OF THE YEAR



Photo courtesy Start Trader Mail

Cockatoo RSL President Carol Thomas was awarded 2022 Cardinia Shire Citizen of the Year - shared with Phil Anning, President of the Pakenham Cricket Club.

"Carol has a long history of volunteering and has dedicated many hours to the Cockatoo RSL. She has worked with committee members to increase

patronage and turnover and has been instrumental in establishing regular social events at the RSL." noted Mayor Jeff Springfield, when making the presentation on Australia Day.

CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

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