



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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Oct 27 we did finally hold a community meeting (via ZOOM) on planning and the future of Emerald. Thanks to the many community members who attended. The EVA has formed a planning subcommittee whose role will be to follow up many of the issues that were raised at the community forum.

On November 24th we will be holding a community groups meeting to present the Emerald Citizen of the Year awards and for representatives from groups in Emerald to have an opportunity to network and promote their organisation. The meeting starts at 7.30 in the Hills Hub hall.

WHERE ARE WE? Our winner last month was Isabel Walters who correctly located the Pop Up Book Exchange on the Emerald Gembrook Rd.

Dick Bartley - President

SES - NEW EMERALD HEADQUARTERS

The new SES headquarters will be opened officially on Saturday November 27th at 11am. All are welcome.

The New Facilities have 5 Vehicle Bays giving us finally the capability of increasing the Fleet at Emerald SES to meet the ongoing need of the Community. The Building will also have a suitable training room, communication room, 2 offices, accessible bathrooms with shower facilities, and a laundry to clean members uniforms as needed.

Ben Owen

ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

As we emerge from lockdowns, embrace the warmer weather and reconnect with one another, our club is delighted to be able to welcome the community back to our monthly Trash 2 Treasure Market. And with Christmas only a few short weeks away, our December market on the second Saturday of the month is the perfect opportunity to grab a bargain.

From pre-loved clothes and knick-knacks to home-made produce, hand-crafted wares, plants and more, you're sure to find a treasure or two from the diverse range of merchandise on offer.



You can also grab a snag and have a chin wag with one of our friendly Rotary members at our sausage sizzle stand.

So head down to Emerald Primary School oval on Heroes Avenue from 8.30am-1.30pm on Saturday, 11th December. With a gold coin donation at the gate, you'll also be supporting your local Rotary club to deliver its humanitarian initiatives and community events that raise vital funds to help people in need, locally and beyond.

For more information and to book a stall, please send an email to emeraldrotarymarket@gmail.com, call 0408 769 491 or visit

<https://emeraldrotary.org.au/page/trash-2-treasure>. We hope to see you there!

Ros Weadman - Publicity

EMERALD LADIES PROBUS

At Emerald Ladies Probus Club we're looking forward to resuming our meetings and activities now that Covid restrictions have eased. Probus clubs are all about fun, friendship and fellowship in retirement. Emerald Ladies Probus Club opens the door to new experiences and friendships, 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 events within our community throughout the year.

All retired or semi-retired ladies are welcome to come along to our meetings held at 10am on the third Monday of each month (except December) at Emerald RSL.

Anne Simpson - Ladies Probus

EVA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2021 EVA Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom on Wednesday October 27th.

The new committee was elected:

President: - Dick Bartley

Vice-president: - Peter Maloney

Treasurer: - Michelle Jackson

Secretary: - TBA

Committee: Lyn Huberts, George Trojan, Pat Buoncristiani, Howard Winter, Ray Schmidt, Claude Cullino, Shelley Beardshaw and Trevor Budge.

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Shelley Beardshaw - EVA

EVA PLANNING MEETING

We gathered via Zoom on Wednesday the 27th October to hear Anita Ransom, Chief Planner in the Planning Strategy and the Urban Design Team, Cardinia Council answer questions and explain a way forward.

Anita explained that the Emerald and District Strategy 2009 is still current and is used as the basis for planning decisions. Other parts of the Cardinia Shire Planning scheme such as bushfire and vegetation also affect decisions.

A review is planned but the timeline is not set currently. It will take approximately 3 to 4 years from now to complete. Hopefully an Issues and Opportunities Planning paper will be available for feedback in the second half of next year. Background reports such as bushfire risk and traffic management are required.

There will be three chances for community consultation. A Draft Strategy will be published and finally a Planning Scheme amendment will be formulated.

Look out for the Issues and Opportunities paper next year and a chance for feedback on-line and in person at Emerald Library. Or join the Emerald Village Association's Planning Committee.

U3A

Emerald has struggled a bit lately. Pandemic, lock downs, storms and power outages have become a bit of a moving feast. What's next? Regardless of what's next, we have all learned a lot about the strength of our community. The advice in any disaster to "look for the helpers" has been so true in Emerald. Our U3A has shown how adaptive and resilient its members can be as we pivot from in person to online classes and groups. Our hope is that we can end the year back in the Hub, laughing and learning together again. Our official U3A year ends at the end of November, but we

have some groups that simply can't get enough and continue on through December. Check out our web page to get all the latest information at <https://u3aemerald.org.au/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/U3AEmerald>

Cheers

Pat Buoncristiani - President

SCOUTS ANNUAL XMAS TREE SALE



**1ST EMERALD
SCOUT GROUP**
21 Kilvington Dr, Emerald

**CHRISTMAS
TREE SALES**

December weekends
9am - 1pm

4th/5th
11th/12th
18th/19th



HILLS HUB NEWS

The Hills Hub will re-open to the general public on November 15th. Masks will need to be worn and check-in with double vax evidence essential.

Art Exhibition at the Hills Hub

Emerald Secondary College senior students' art exhibition from Dec 6th through to the end of January 2022. Year 12 and Year 11 (senior) students' artworks from Emerald Secondary College will be displayed at The Hub

Demonstrating outstanding work completed by young student artists, this exhibition highlights the Hills Hub's strong commitment and support of contemporary art and showcases the ideas and attitudes of young people.

WHAT'S ON CARDINIA FESTIVAL

What's On Cardinia Festival will be a month-long event series in February 2022 celebrating great local artists, creatives, and businesses in Cardinia Shire.

The festival also aims to bring life to the shire's creative venues: **Hills Hub** and Cardinia Cultural Centre. Throughout the month, there will be creative activations such as music gigs, visual art displays, workshops, and much more! The arts and performance space in Hills Hub is a multi-purpose haven for creativity, where various artforms can be explored.

Stay tuned on <https://whatsoncardinia.com.au/> to see what upcoming events might suit you.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11th November at 11am there will be a Remembrance Day service held at the cenotaph in town centre.

This year due to Covid restrictions, Council have advised that only 30 people can attend the service and they will need to be QR coded upon arrival.

However I am sure that if you happen to be in the shopping centre vicinity at 11am you will hear the last post and stop for a minute. Wreaths and poppies will be laid by the RSL and community groups.



Emerald is now awash with poppies to remind our residents of the significance of Remembrance Day. our parade of poppies is now a tradition in our town and the RSL is very proud of this.

Lest we Forget

Peter Maloney - President, Emerald RSL



EMERALD ARTS SOCIETY



Due to covid restrictions the exhibition will now be an Online Exhibition

emeraldartsociety.com.au
30th October to 12th November

The winning artists will be announced on the following
Website: www.emeraldartssociety.com.au
Facebook : emeraldartssociety

With Thanks to all Our Sponsors

PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY

LAKESIDE VISITOR CENTRE



Puffing Billy Railway is set to reimagine the visitor experience on Friday 5th of November, with the soft opening of its state-of-the-art Visitor Centre and multifunction space in the heart of the Dandenong Ranges.

Nestled amongst the towering rainforests, cool fern gullies and native flowers of the Emerald Lake Park precinct, the Lakeside Visitor Centre combines its natural surroundings with the authentic sights, smells, and sounds of Puffing Billy Railway to offer guests a cultural hub with world class facilities.

Open daily from 9am – 4pm and free for all passengers and everyday visitors, the new centre combines a mix of on and off-rail experiences that will delight the young and young-at-heart.

Highlights include:

LAKESIDE HALL – Paying homage to the rich history of a century-old heritage steam railway, the Lakeside Hall is home to a collection of expertly curated steam artifact displays, including Puffing Billy's first ever locomotive, 3A, built in 1900.

THE RAILWAY CAFÉ – Showcasing modern Australian cuisine with seasonal produce from the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges, the Railway Café provides a bright indoor (seats 150 – COVID-19 guidelines permitting) and dog-friendly alfresco space (seats 80 – COVID-19 guidelines permitting) to enjoy a carefully curated Menu and the picturesque views of the parklands that surround Emerald's Lake Treganowan.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM – Demonstrating the versatility of the new centre, this well-appointed function room provides 176sqm of space to host anything from meetings, small workshops and conferences to birthdays, private dinners, or school excursions. With high-quality AV technology, a dedicated bar with dining and beverage packages crafted to suit and the option of dividing the room into breakout spaces, the function room will cater to a variety of needs and budgets.

RETAIL OUTLET – A dedicated gift and souvenir shop with locally designed and handcrafted items from the hills and railway related memorabilia to take home and treasure.

Starting the Puffing Billy Railway journey at Lakeside Station, visitors can explore the centre before travelling east towards Gembrook, westwards to Belgrave, or catch the Belgrave service straight down to Lakeside Station. **Sheena Dang - Communications Executive**

EMERALD NETBALL CLUB

Road improvement works have started at the entrance of the Emerald Netball Club on Beaconsfield-Emerald Road!

These works will improve access to the facility and will involve:

- Widening Beaconsfield Emerald Road
- Constructing a right and left turn slip lane into the entrance of the new pavilion.

The new pavilion will include universally accessible change rooms, umpire change rooms, toilets inside and outside the building, office space, storage areas, a social area and kitchen, covered spectator areas and pedestrian paths.

The Australian Government has contributed \$200,000 towards the final stage of the works.

Works are expected to be completed in 2022.

Debbie Crosher - Netball Club

VALE - MAX OVENDEN

We note the passing of Max Ovenden, a very fast runner in his youth, but who had slowed down considerably in his declining years. He will be greatly missed both by his Emerald Primary School contemporaries and by the many who got to know him more recently as he sat regularly outside the IGA, greeting and conversing with all those passing by.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - ON THE COUCH

Once again the carols cannot be held at the Emerald Lake due to Covid limits and uncertainties.

Because of this and our inability (and reluctance) to enforce such limits, we have decided to go with a streamed event again this year. **Emerald Carols on the Couch** will (God willing) be screened on Friday 17th December 2021.

We intend to make the 2021 Carols on the Couch a “**Very Emerald**” one with various film clips of Emerald icons supporting the carols themselves. To this end we would love to take a one minute, staged video of your organisation

preparing for Christmas. Parts of this would then be used with the song “*It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas*” as the opening item for the streamed event.

As with last year, the Carols team will take the footage. Your role would be to have some of your people, in their uniforms (if that is applicable), doing what they do to get ready for Christmas. It should (literally) take about 5 minutes to film – and there is no singing or sound this year! We will only be using the vision.

A **second way** that your group may like to be involved is by sending us a community Christmas message (less than 20 words), from your group, that will be scrolled across the bottom of the screen during the Carols. It might be something like “All the best for Christmas and 2021 to the people of Emerald from...”. More innovative messages are welcome!

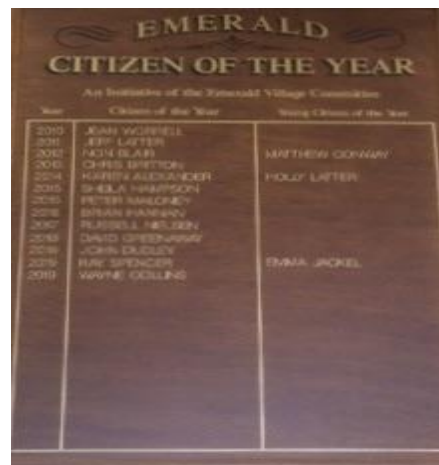
If you would like to be part of this, we would be delighted to hear from you ASAP. Please email a response to this article to me at the contact details listed below and we can arrange the specifics for your organisation’s involvement.

Russell Soderlund - Convenor

Contact: russell.soderlund@outlook.com

WHERE AM I

Email Dick Bartley (see email below) with your answer as to where this Board used to be on display. Name the first recorded winner. Gift voucher to The laughing Fox for the winner.



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