



LOCKED-DOWN EDITION - #3

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Please note we are going ahead with the Emerald Planning Meeting but it will be on ZOOM at 7.30pm on Wednesday evening October 27th.

Anita Ransome, Chief Planning Officer for the Shire of Cardinia will speak. Contact me to register and we will forward the link to you.

Work has started on the Emerald Village Exercise and Recreation (EVER) projects. The Shire has completed some works on upgrading the BMX track on Pepi's Land. The maintenance works are to improve the safety elements

An EVA objective at the moment is to develop a priority list of projects and works around Emerald. This list would include the approved Worrell Reserve projects, EVER's list, the annual maintenance schedule and Pepi's Land. With a set list the EVA can focus on supporting the current agreed projects.

Dick Bartley - President

Feedback is appreciated re the EVA Newsletter

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SES - NEW EMERALD HEADQUARTERS



The new SES building is on track for completion in October-November. We then will have a few weeks to get used to things before we move out of our outdated Garden Shed Facilities on Old Gembrook Road.

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. All this will give Emerald SES the ability to have more members and to continue to respond to the community as needed. We look forward to moving into the facilities and then when we can hold an open day to show the community what we have.

Ben Owen



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ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

While all sectors of our community have been affected by the myriad challenges of the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns, our senior students have done it particularly hard, especially in a year when the outcome of exams may impact their preferred tertiary or career pathway beyond school.

To let them know we are thinking of them and acknowledge that it's been a tough year, our Rotary club has provided Emerald Secondary College with a Care Bag for each of the 75 Year 12 students at the school. Each bag contains a selection of goodies, including tasty snacks, drinks, personal items such as sunscreen and face cream, stationery items and more. All items were purchased by our members.

Also in support of the Year 12 students, our club donated \$180 towards an Emerald Secondary College initiative designed to sustain the motivation of the students and keep them connected during this important time of their lives. The funds will be used as vouchers for the purchase of pizzas or other foods that the students can enjoy together when they are able to meet up again once restrictions are lifted.

Under the current restrictions our club is continuing to meet over Zoom and visitors are most welcome to attend. We have great guest speakers and lots of fun! To find out more, please visit our website <https://www.emeraldrotary.org.au/> or call 0408 769 491.

Ros Weadman - Publicity

EMERALD LADIES PROBUS

Emerald Ladies Probus Club meets at Emerald RSL on the third Monday of each month at 10am. All retired or semi-retired ladies are welcome to come and join us - when Covid rules allow.

Anne Simpson - Ladies Probus

EVA MEETING REPORT

Riding the Ups and Downs of Lockdown Life in Emerald

Last Wednesday night we switched on and clicked in as the EVA Zoomed together to hear the progress of the Emerald Village Exercise and Recreation (EVER) group's bids to improve Parks and Playgrounds in Emerald; discuss the Emerald Tennis Club's plans for Re-development and review the traffic issues in Eastern Emerald. Despite the difficulties and shutdowns life goes on and plans made now for Emerald's young people and residents help give us a way forward.

Vanessa and Ben Kewish have had lots of ongoing discussions with Cardinia Council Officers and our Councillor Jeff Springfield and have some good news. In the Council plans, for next year and the year after, are a \$50,000 park for Pepi's Land and a \$100,000 refurbishment of the Jump Park at the far end of Pepi's land. They, like the Community, would like to contribute ideas and plans for these areas and it's up to all of us to make sure young voices are heard as these proposed developments roll on. Visit the EVER Facebook page and start contributing your ideas. Or contact us....

And while you are there read about the progress of the proposed Pop Up Skate Park on the disused netball Courts at Worrell reserve. A Crowd sourcing page has been set up

and contributions from individuals, families and businesses are rolling in.

And the EVA passed a motion supporting the redevelopment of the Emerald Tennis Club - another venue for Emeraldians of now and the future to enjoy a sport in the outdoors at the Worrell Reserve.

The amount of traffic travelling through and around Emerald is a continuing issue brought to the EVA and worries about new buildings and businesses increasing the bottlenecks and problems. We have decided to approach Vic Roads and ask them to please "advise their long term traffic plan for the Emerald Township". Knowledge is power...

And we continued our discussion about Fire Risk Management and are waiting for feedback from Council Officers.

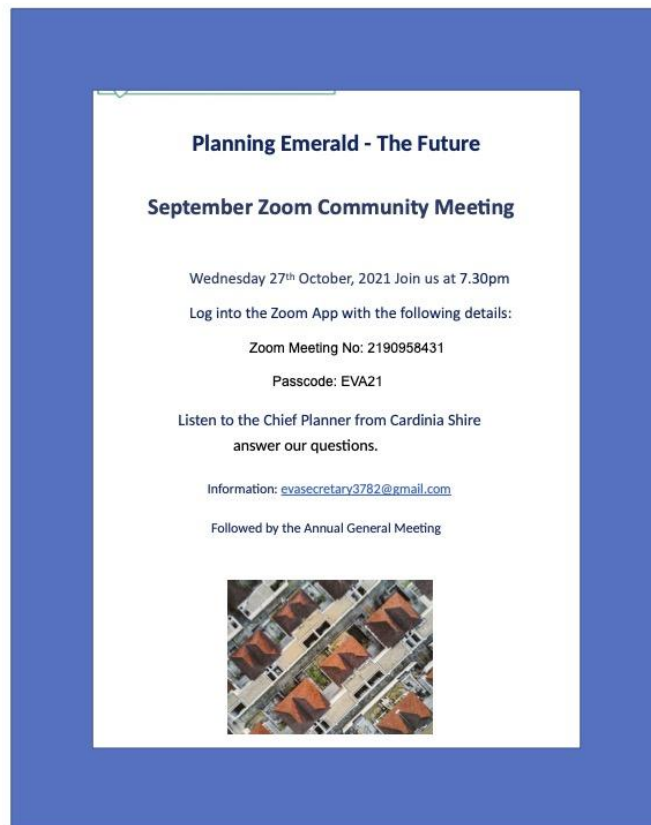
A busy night!

So look forward to firing up your PC's and tablets and joining us for our "Planning Emerald Community Meeting" and AGM -Wednesday 25th October at 7.30pm.

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Shelley Beardshaw - Secretary EVA

EVA PLANNING MEETING



Anita Ransom, Cardinia Planning & Urban Design Coordinator, will address the EVA on September 29th (hopefully).

Her topics for discussion will be:

- What is the Council's existing policy for development in the Emerald district?
- Is the existing Emerald District Strategy relevant or useful?

- How can the EVA and the wider Emerald community work with the Council to implement the new Cardinia Council Plan 2021-25?
- How will the Council influence building design and architectural standards in Emerald?
- How can the EVA get information about significant planning permit applications in Emerald and whether they are advertised or not?

All are welcome to attend - on Zoom.

Dick Bartley - President

EVA WEBSITE - VOLUNTEER

The Emerald Village Association website - emeraldvillagenews.com.au needs a person to take full responsibility for its continual update and maintenance. To be done in conjunction with other social media duties.

If you are interested please make contact with Peter Maloney (email address below).

One expression of interest has been received which is much appreciated. The more the merrier.

COVID VACCINATIONS - OUR PHARMACY



The **Emerald Village Pharmacy** is an approved vaccination provider for the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, helping to provide COVID-19 immunisation for our local area and wider community. In addition, the Moderna vaccine is now available in the pharmacy.

When it is your turn to get vaccinated, you can book online by visiting our website at www.medadvisor.com.au/Network/E69AF28Q or call us on 03 5968 3023, to book your appointments to get your first and second doses of the vaccine.

To find out when you are eligible to receive the vaccine, visit: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>

Louisa Lammers - Emerald Pharmacy

U3A

Emerald U3A continues to adapt and change as we swing from lockdown to lockdown. Our online survey of our members has reassured us that we are doing a lot of things well and catering for the needs of older people in our community. It has also given us some pointers to how we can improve. Many of our groups and classes are continuing via Zoom while the Hub is closed. Last week we had two social get togethers via Zoom, a morning 'Tea and Tattle' and a late afternoon 'Wine and Whinge'. These gave us a chance to relax and share some stories with one another. If you would like to learn more, check out our website at

<https://u3aemerald.org.au>. Our latest Spring Newsletter is available under 'News' and provides some great reading.

If you would like to learn a bit more about Emerald U3A you can check us out on our web page at <https://u3aemerald.org.au/> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/U3AEmerald>

Cheers

Pat Buoncristiani - President

EVER

NEWS from EVER- THE POP UP SKATE PARK!

We'd love your support! EVER- Emerald Village Exercise and Recreation has proposed a "pop up" skate park on the netball courts at Worrell Reserve. Emerald doesn't have a skate park, and the footpaths aren't safe for young ones to ride on. A skate park is planned for Worrell Reserve but works and funding are proposed to start in a few years, so delivery will be many years from now.

COVID lockdown has demonstrated the necessity of outside exercise. A "pop up" skatepark would utilise steel pre-fab ramps, which are bolted to the ground instead of concrete permanent structure. This is an inexpensive way to utilise this space...

We know that our children's mental health is suffering and the time for action is now.

EVER pitched the idea to Cr. Jeff Springfield, and we are currently awaiting permission. EVER has consulted Hita Mistry (local Psychologist) and Ben Kewish (local Physiotherapist), and they agreed this project would be beneficial for physical and mental well-being, vital after the last two years of lock-down. EVA has also ratified the project.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$25,000. Crowd funding has generated over \$5k from the Emerald community.

Why ? - For the mental health and well being of our local kids

- Quick and cost effective
- Can be reused or relocated
- Gives our community an amenity quickly

I thank you for your consideration, EVER continues to advocate for recreation and exercise projects for our community. If you would like to make a donation go to our Go Fund page: <https://gofund.me/137198d6>

Vanessa Kewish

Emerald Village Exercise Recreation

EASTERN DANDENONG RAIL TRAIL

Proposed extension to the Eastern Dandenong Rail Trail
The proposal is to submit an application to extend the EDRT along the Puffing Billy maintenance track from Edenmont Road in Clematis to Belgrave- Gembrook Road. This last 20 metres is in the Shire of Yarra Ranges and will link to a future shared path on the other side of the Belgrave-Gembrook Road. It is a small project but has far reaching benefits for the Hills communities and will assist with tourism opportunities and general economic benefits for the region. EVA has provided a letter of support.

Dick Bartley - President

WHERE ARE WE?

Our winner last month was Carl Stemp who correctly located the Fire Stick plants just off Princess St near the start of the path through the Nobelius Nursery.

Given the number of pop up Book Exchanges (eg. Clematis) where is this one? If you know contact me dickbartley08@gmail.com and if you are the first one - a \$15 voucher for the Laughing Fox is yours.



3782 - BUY LOCAL

In these strange Covid times it makes sense that Emerald residents support those businesses that they live next to. We are delighted that a new Facebook page has been set up to support the patronage of local businesses. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/30050289183>

EMERALD LIBRARY

In lockdown our libraries maybe closed but we are continuing to offer contactless FREE Click and Collect and Home Delivery.

No need to book. As soon as you get notification that your items are ready at your nominated branch you can head to the library to collect them. BYO mask.

Click & Collect is available Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and on Saturdays at Emerald from 10am - 2.30pm.

We will also continue to offer the following:

- [Digital Library](#) is open 24/7, you can download books, kids entertainment, stream music and more
- [Library At Home](#), stacks of videos to keep adults and kids entertained
- Casey Cardinia Libraries [App](#) is at your fingertips 24/7, download it now
- Our phones are on, call Customer Care on 1800 577 548 (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm).

Stay up to date by regularly checking this website and the Casey Cardinia Libraries [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages. And if you haven't already please sign up to [our newsletter](#).

Sue Walters - Team Leader

WORRELL RESERVE REPORT

- Following an audit of sports facilities lighting, the Council has decided to remove a number of old floodlight poles from Emerald Tennis Club's courts 2,3, 4 &5. It is expected that funding to replace the poles and lights will be provided in the Council's Capital Works budget for 2022-23
- The Worrell Reserve carpark construction project is expected to be completed by the end of this year. It is understood the project is currently out to tender.
- Funding has been approved to replace the old public toilet in the corner of Worrell Reserve, near the Hub entrance,

Howard Winter - Secretary

FROM THE ARCHIVES - 1930'S



SHIRE OF CARDINIA NEWS

2022 Shire of Cardinia Australia Day award nominations are now open. Do you know a citizen, young citizen or senior citizen who makes a big contribution to our community? Or maybe you know of a fantastic local event that deserves recognition?

This is your chance to nominate someone who makes an important contribution to our local community or a community group who held an outstanding event onsite or virtually between 1st November 2020 and 1st November 2021 that deserves recognition.

Show your appreciation by nominating the person or event for an Australia Day Award!

Nominate now at

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

Nominations are open until 5pm 12th November 2021. For further information please contact Helena Moloney h.moloney@cardinia.vic.gov.au or 1300 787 624.

Anna Benjamin - Place Maker - Hills Hub