

## Emerald Village Association Inc. and Community Group News



**CONGRATULATIONS**

**EMERALD FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB - PREMIERS 2023**

Emerald is proud of you.

Full report inside Newsletter

## From the EVA President

The Emerald Citizenship Awards 2023 will be presented at our annual community groups meeting this month. Members of the public, reps from various local organisations and EVA members are most welcome to come along to the Hills Hub 7:30pm, Wednesday 25 October.

We now have over 180 EVA members which is very encouraging. Given that the EVA strives to be the "Voice of Emerald" we encourage all members to participate in the planning, surveys for the playgrounds and the management team. The more input we get the better decisions can be made and improved outcomes for our town.

The EVA AGM will take place on Wednesday November 29th in the Hills Hub at 7.30pm. We are hoping to offer a Zoom facility for this meeting.

I hope readers of the EVA News are appreciating the new format. Our Editor, Peter Maloney, has been very busy acquiring a new Toshiba photocopier which has been funded from Sponsors donations, specifically the Emerald Co-Op and the Bendigo Bank. Thanks to everyone for supporting our newsletter. The Cockatoo newsletter is also printed on our new copier.

## Where Are We?

No correct answers last month (not even Karl S.).



The sign indicated the Cardinia Shire Boundary which is 100 metres up the walking track from the Clematis Library.

This month we have a solar sign in town. Name the place.

## A Local Personality



I am sure you have seen or heard the roving musician Chris Nugent playing and singing around the town.

He lives above the shops and often comes out to play for the folks at the Puffing Billy Playground playground and in Kilvington Drive.

Email to:

[dickbartley08@gmail.com](mailto:dickbartley08@gmail.com)

**Dick Bartley - President EVA Inc.**

## Rotary Club of Emerald & District

Following the winter break stall holders were back en masse to our September market. As the weather continues to improve, we anticipate the October "Halloween" market on 14<sup>th</sup> will be even bigger.



**Saturday 14 October 2023**

**Sausage sizzle**

**Kid's costume competition @ 11.30am**

**&**

**variety of stalls**

**Come and join in the fun**

<https://emeraldrotary.org.au/page/emerald-rotary-market>



There is a Kid's costume competition at 11.30am so plenty of fun for the youngsters, whilst the adults can enjoy an egg & bacon roll or snag from the Rotary BBQ.

From 7.30am the next day, 10<sup>th</sup> September, we again joined forces with Puffing Billy Railway at their Running Festival - distributing water to competitors as they passed the RSL and provided marshalling services at Lake Park.

And a few days later, we were pleased to be able to



support another local group – 1<sup>st</sup> Emerald Scout Group with a donation of \$500 towards commemorative badges for their 100-year anniversary. We worked with Jeff Latter and Johns Hill Landcare

Group last year as part of the Clean Up Australia and

will be involved with this environmental project again this year.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September was the start of Dementia Awareness Week and Umbrella Dementia Café's CEO Kirsty Porter organised a Dance Against Dementia marathon at Box Hill Town Hall to raise funds to allow for more cafes. Emerald Rotary supplied a dance team who danced for 4 hours dancing through the era's 1940's – 2010. Our team raised \$1469 and in the afternoon raised in excess of \$33,000.



We are already planning for Christmas with a Raffle and I have been calling in on the town's businesses to obtain prize donations. Thank you to the generous supporters.

Interest has been shown in our meeting speakers and you are always welcome at a meeting if there is one that interests you - just book in with us in advance. Recently Catherine Eagleson talked about Detective puzzles and we have Jen Wills, a Mt Everest climber on 17<sup>th</sup> October, Helen Disler talking about Farming secrets on 7<sup>th</sup> November and Annie Pateman book author and cancer survivor talking on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Have a look at our website: [www.emeraldrotary.org.au](http://www.emeraldrotary.org.au)

There is so much information of interest there plus photographs from previous events. Do not forget to book in for the **Halloween Dance Party** for Grade 5 & 6's on 28<sup>th</sup> October at the Hub and **Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy** on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

And we would love you to join us at either an event or meeting (held every Tuesday 6.45pm for 7pm at The Paradise Hotel).

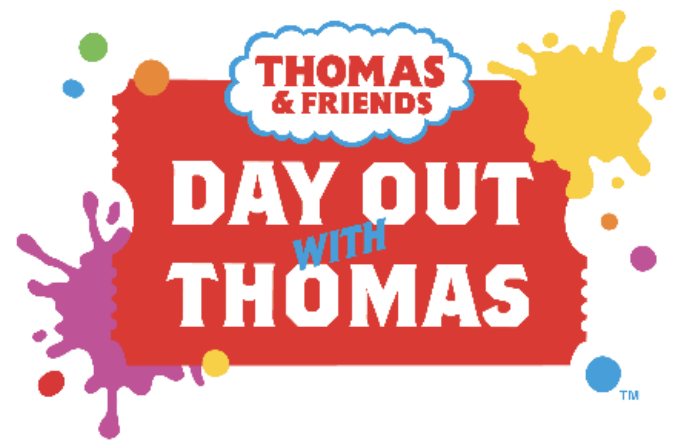
To find out more please call 0408 769 491 or 0417 038 707.

**Shalini Penny, Publicity**

## Laugh a Little or Smile a Lot



## Puffing Billy Railways



We are pleased to welcome back Thomas and all of his friends to Puffing Billy Railway in October for a Day Out With Thomas.

This year, Thomas the Tank Engine is encouraging friends of all ages to get colourful! The fun and adventure kicks off across two weekends – October 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 – offering passengers the chance to meet their favourite storybook characters up close before an interactive 20-minute (each way) train ride with James and Diesel from Lakeside to Cockatoo.

Guests can then say hello to Sir Topham Hatt and Thomas as they keep all the activities at the Lakeside Visitor Centre in order, before getting creative at the Colour Corner, exploring the Play Pod, or grabbing a picture alongside everyone's favourite blue locomotive, Troublesome Truck, or Bulgy Bus.

**Sheena Dang - Communications Manager**

## Emerald Garden Club

### BARGAIN PLANT SALE

9.30am-2pm, **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November** the Emerald Garden Club will be holding a plant sale on the grassed area next to the CBA bank in Emerald .

Come along and grab a bargain or two. All the plants are grown by the club members.



Come and chat to us and get service with a smile. Flyers are available that have information about our club or find us on

Facebook:  
[EMERALD GARDEN CLUB INC.](#)

## Norma Pugh - Emerald Garden Club

## Emerald Lake Car Parking



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 31st August each year and applications for a new pass will be required.

Please apply to Council online 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

Next gig is on Friday 13th October. Here are a few reviews:

“Bill Barber is the next in line to become one of Australia’s Blues greats” – Lloyd Spiegel

“Bill is a fantastic young Blues player who keeps getting better and better every time I see him” – Geoff Achison

“The most exciting musician I’ve heard in a very long time” – James Blundell.

**Bill Barber - on fire**

[Watch on Youtube](#)

## Emerald Football & Netball Club

What a season! Six out of our seven teams made finals and our mighty A Grade Netball and Senior Football Teams bringing the flag home to Emerald was the icing on the cake. Both teams did it the hard way, losing their first finals in close games to then regroup and dominate their respective Grand Finals.

On behalf of everyone at the EFNC we congratulate the players, coaches, trainers and staff on a brilliant win.

Our other teams were also fantastic! The U/19 boys playing in the Premier Division fielded a very young

side, made the finals and narrowly went down to Monbulk in their first final. The Ressies were magnificent all year making a Grand Final to just go down to a strong Officer side by 15 points.



President Mark Pedder with both Premiership Cups at the RSL with Emerald RSL President, Peter Maloney.

Netball was just as impressive with D Grade narrowly missing finals by percentage and C making second week and B making finals but losing in their first week. None of this is possible without the fantastic support of our supporters, sponsors and of course our committee. A big thanks to you all!

We now look forward to 2024 with the club being promoted to the Premier Division of the Outer East League. This will be a huge challenge for all teams, but we are confident with the people at the club, the players and coaches we are lucky to have that Emerald will again be a force. Go Bombers!

**Mark Pedder, President**

## Emerald U3A

On a beautiful spring afternoon this month, around 100 retirees (mainly members) enjoyed an afternoon of engaging and informative presentations by a solicitor, a medical practitioner, investment advisor and local vicar.

All gave sage advice on getting all our affairs in order...not to die! but to enjoy life in the knowledge that we have done all we can to maximise our health and care when needed, financial position and relationships, plus smoothed the way for the executors and beneficiaries of our wills. Each one added value and succinctly pressed home the key "must do's".

After Melissa's talk, more than a few of us will be implementing a few wine-free nights per week! After Andrew's talk, some may resolve not to attempt mind-reading their partner's thoughts or opinions. They will also be sure to express their expectations with the reason for it, and invite accord on the matter.

If that is not forthcoming then the difference is out in the open for compromise and resolution, rather than buried with a growing pile of other disagreements, all fermenting into an unhappy mess of resentment ... and we all know that resentment kills love, right?



L to R: Keren Roma - KLR Legal Services, Melissa Monkivitch - Joseph Banks Medical Clinic, Craig Volk - Retire Invest, Andrew Bowles - St Marks, Russell Soderland & Pat Buoncristiani - U3A

My use of the word fermenting leads me to the conclusion of the afternoon – a generous wine tasting by John Wall, who showcased two wines from his nearby Emersleigh Estate – a 2009 sparkling blanc de blanc Chardonnay, fresh & aromatic; then 2019 Off the Wall Puncheon Pinot Noir; a variety that varies significantly with the maker. John's version makes it difficult to stop at just one glass!

Upcoming Events:

1. Learn more about the history of the Uluru Statement From the Heart (the document underpinning the Referendum question) come to the Hills Hub at 3.30pm on Tuesday 10th October. Dr Esme Bamblett, a respected elder and Bangerang, Taungurung and Wiradjuri woman. She is an Elected member of the 2023 Victorian First Peoples' Assembly and CEO of the Aborigines Advancement League. The session is about learning and becoming informed.

2. Annual concert of the Musicians Sharing Group and the Over the Hills Singers will be on from 11am on Tuesday 17 OCT, at the Evergreens. It finishes with afternoon tea at 1pm.

3. PAVED – U3A hopes to be involved in the festival by showcasing the creative activities we have throughout the year via displays in the Hub on the weekend of 24 Nov. I will provide an update on our planning next month.

**Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity**

## Gemco Players

Coming up at The Gem Community Theatre

### Open Stage Night

Saturday October 7th  
Saturday November 4th  
All welcome from 8pm.

A friendly and welcoming open stage to show your talents or just watch and enjoy.



## Find Me

A Drama by Olwen Wymark  
Show Dates November 3-12

Olwen Wymark's drama 'Find Me' based on a true story, follows the protagonist Verity Taylor as she is dealing with increasingly damaging mental health issues. Verity's family becomes fractured in their search for answers from a health system, at the time, that does not have answers for Verity's particular case and so doctors and other medical health practitioners find themselves unable to advise Verity's family. Wymark has employed a technique known as 'multi-characterisation' wherein actors swap the main roles and work as an ensemble to 'find the real Verity' in this gripping, and emotional drama. The ensemble of 8 cast will rotate roles and play a myriad of characters.

More info and to book tickets via  
[www.gemcoplayer.org](http://www.gemcoplayer.org)

## Michelle Drinnan - Gemco



**Hoarder Collie**

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER**  
**7PM – 9.30PM**  
**HILLS HUB**  
**EMERALD**  
**TICKETS \$15 PP**



DISCO GAMES / DJ GUS / PRIZES BEST DRESSED  
KARAOKE / DANCE COMPETITION / TUCK SHOP

**IT'S TIME TO GET SPOOKY!**

**HALLOWEEN**

Open to all students in grades 5 & 6



[www.trybooking.com/clatx](http://www.trybooking.com/clatx)

All funds raised support Wheelchairs for Kids  
A program of Rotary




## Emerald Village Association

### Items of Interest to Emerald Community

Once again, in September, our Emerald Village Association meeting ranged over a large number of topics that involved us as a Community. As always, you giving us your opinions and even joining the Emerald Village Association helps us shape the Emerald and District that we want now and into the future.

Topics covered and decisions made included:

**Planning matters:** We heard the decision on the new Medical Centre planning permit on Belgrave-Gembrook Rd has been postponed to November 2023 to allow for investigation into Madigan Way traffic, Vegetation and Privacy concerns.

Cardinia Councillor, Jeff Springfield also told us of the progress on Park's and Reserve's Planning by the Council including Emerald Lake Park, Puffing Billy Reserve and Playground and Pepi's Land Bike Park Upgrade.

The Emerald Tennis Club night lights removal and lack of replacement was also canvassed.

You can view more information on:

[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay)

We queried the current use of the Netball Courts at Pepi's Land- could it be used for other Community Sports?

We talked through how the Hills Hub use and management could more effectively happen and decided to pursue the development of a suggested Business Plan in cooperation with the Cardinia Council. Concern was raised about signage in the Township, with the placement of Notice Boards and the removal of old Noticeboards, after their expiry, a noticeable problem. The Compliance section of the Council will be contacted on this issue.

**Communications:** The EVA Newsletter now has 32 sponsors and a new Printer! Thank you to all and Peter Maloney!

**Well-being:** Our Emerald Arts Society Annual Exhibition (3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> of November) and Emerald Primary School Fair (November 11<sup>th</sup>) are coming up quickly and donations were made to help with both.

Concern was raised on the continued availability to young families of the Puffing Billy Toy Library as its operating Committee has ceased. Without a viable Committee and Volunteers, it will not survive. Do you know some-one who can help? Contact the Hills Hub Council Staff to help..

And finally, based on the success of the “Come Sit By Me” Intergenerational Projects, the Well Being team will meet to discuss possible future plans.

**Coming Up:** Our Emerald Citizens and Groups of the Year Award Night to be held on Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 , 7.30pm at the Hills Hub.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023 at the Hills Hub – You can attend both in person or by Zoom! All are welcome...

**Shelley Beardshaw - EVA**

## What’s New in Emerald?



The Emerald Bazaar is situated in the heart of Emerald adjacent to our Post Office. Over 40 stallholders sell their crafts, clothes, produce, artwork and collectables. Open 10am - 5pm 7 days a week.

Perfect place to pick up that special birthday present.

**Meredith Cole - Owner**

## Emerald Primary School



## Emerald CFA

### Summer Preparedness

We have already begun working on ensuring our brigade is prepared for the upcoming fire season, whatever it may bring. Now is the time to start preparing your property, think about your plan and ask yourself:

- Which Fire Danger Rating is your trigger to leave?
- Will you leave early that morning or the night before?
- Where will you go? What will you take?
- What route will you take and what is your backup route if a fire is already in the area?
- Who else do you need to talk to?
- What will you do if there is a fire in the area and you cannot leave?



To help support our community, Emerald Fire Brigade will be attending community group meetings and visiting businesses to help everyone understand what to do on severe fire danger days.

If you would like a bushfire information pack, please email [Communitysafety@efb.org.au](mailto:Communitysafety@efb.org.au) with your name and postal address.

**Save the date – Emerald CFA Open Day 10am to 3pm, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Community Bushfire Information Session at 11am**

## Emerald Men's Shed

The Emerald Men's Shed has again been proactive in the Community assisting in the needs of a variety of local schools and alike.

During September we held an Open Day for people to come and see what we are about, a free sausage sizzle and a garage sale.

We are currently making 15 Christmas Trees (from Pallets) for the Gembrook Primary School and working in conjunction with the Cockatoo Men's Shed on a project for EDRA to create 2-metre-high candles for Christmas bunting around Gembrook, Cockatoo and Emerald. During October we will be completing the Emerald Secondary School Garden project.

**Tom Connolly - Men's Shed Coordinator**

## It's a Mad World

**It's a Mad World** is a spoken word event that's taking place at the Hills Hub, (400A Belgrave - Gembrook Road, Emerald) on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 2- 4 pm. Experience the words of skilled spoken word artists as they share their mental health realities with passion, heart and humour.

MC: Heidi Everett, Founder Schizy Inc  
Feature poet: Sandy Jeffs, OAM

Afternoon tea will be provided and the opportunity for real life mingling!

**Tickets are free but bookings are required.**

[Book here!](#)

**Coming along? Press 'going' on the Cardinia Arts [Facebook event](#) page.**

Event organiser:

[Michelle Write](#)

Author, Educator, Mental Health Ambassador

0438 006 852

[michelle@michellewrite.com](mailto:michelle@michellewrite.com)

## Victoria Container Deposit Scheme

Report from Cardinia Shire Council on the refundable deposit scheme that is supposed to be implemented in Victoria prior to Christmas:

*"The three network operators are responsible for establishing and managing the refund collection points across Victoria, Return-It is the network operator for our area.*

*The last update we received from Return-It indicated that Emerald would have an Over The Counter Collection point and they were in the final stages of securing a suitable Emerald partner.*

*For more information, please contact [info@returnit.com.au](mailto:info@returnit.com.au)"*

## Aura Vale Lake Park

**This Tussle with Bureaucracy has a happy ending. Thanks to Monbulk MP Daniela de Martino and local, Marg Edwards. Her report:**

*"It's pleasing when, on those rare occasions in our lives, we strike success with bureaucracy!"*

*I'm happy to say I've just had one such moment and it involves the Aura Vale Lake at Cardinia Reservoir Park.*

*We visited with our kayak in January this year, on a hot Sunday when the park was bursting with large family groups enjoying a day's outing. I was dismayed to find the toilet block closed, and a notice nearby stating that Parks Vic were undertaking upgrades to "toilet facilities, picnic tables, BBQs, car parks and signage". "Construction due to start October 2021 to*



*be completed by Christmas 2021". It was now January 25 2023 and no signs of any action!*

*My emails to Parks Vic were received with responses about lack of funds, serious issues with the sewerage system and advice that public toilets could be found at Crystal Brook, 2 kilometres away. Not much use to elderly people picnicking with families I thought!*

*After several futile emails to and fro with Parks Vic I approached the recently elected State Member for Monbulk, Daniela De Martino who followed up and had similar responses.*



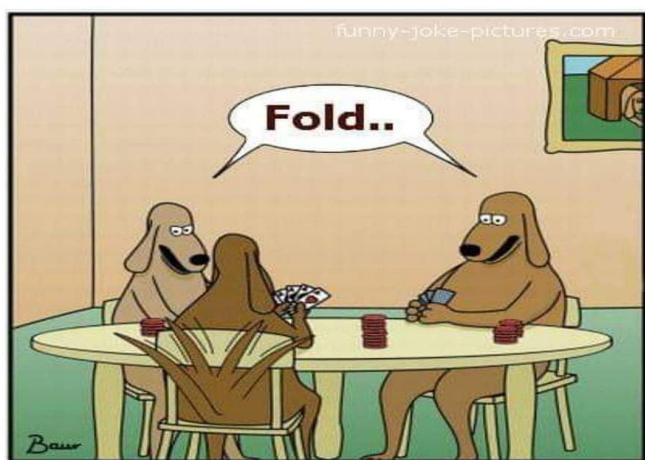
In April the park was completely closed to the public and more emails ensued. Now this was more than just an issue about lack of toilet facilities. We had been locked out of our own "backyard" so to speak!

I persisted with more emails to Parks Vic and Daniela De Martino, as perhaps did others, and then became sidetracked by life in general.

Four months later I am delighted to have just been advised by Daniela's office that Aura Vale Park was reopened last weekend with 2 portable toilets installed, as I had suggested!

So, sometimes we have a win, and now with summer on its way I'm pleased that the taxpaying public will once again be able to enjoy their beautiful Aura Vale Lake and picnic area."

Marg Edwards



## Remembrance Day 2023

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



### 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. Poppies will start to appear around Emerald towards the end of October. The tradition continues. **Lest We Forget.**

## Emerald Tennis Club

Emerald Tennis Club wishes to acknowledge the generous support of the Pakenham Racing Club for a grant to enable the club to purchase new court drag & leaf mats. This type of funding helps maintain our courts in great condition and also to keep membership fees to an affordable level. Many thanks for your help!

On another note ETC have been supplied a Works Schedule by Cardinia Council covering the replacement of lighting to five courts, and we hope this project proceeds smoothly without any major hindrances occurring. We would like to mark the commissioning of the lights with a suitable celebration. Stay tuned!

**Andrea MacDonald - Emerald Tennis Club**

## Cockatoo Bowls Club

Cockatoo Bowls club is looking for new members whether it be social or competitive bowling members. Become part of a flag winning club and enjoy the fun and social activities we offer to everyone. We offer social bowls for everyone regarding age or experience. We have great facilities and offer equipment and coaching for anyone interested.

If you are interested call the club - 0483 842 992



**Kevin Murray - Secretary**

## Local Township Newsletters

Find out what's happening in townships nearby Emerald -

Cockatoo - [Cockatoo Community News](#)

Upper Beaconsfield - [Village Bell](#)



**October Business Breakfast**  
**Wed 18th October - 7am to 9am Hills Hub, Emerald**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CLZOE>



**Do you know where to start in preparing your business for the bushfire season?**

John Schauble is an intellectual, expert and writer of considerable acclaim on the subject of bushfire safety, previously a director of Emergency Management Resilience & Inspector for Emergency Management Victoria.

The Dandenong Ranges has an extreme bushfire risk level and by having a bushfire plan for your business means you and your employees know exactly what to do on days of severe fire danger.

In this session, John will help you prepare your business & employees for this summer's bushfire season.



**Learn the benefits of having a business that is all inclusive**

Sereena Huebler & Taylor Davis from NDIS will share the benefits for businesses to get more involved with building an accessible and inclusive community.



**Are you ready to benefit from the PAVED Festival Nov 24 - Nov 26?**

Lynne Trensky will provide an update on the opportunities to get involved in PAVED as a participant and through promotion.

## Cardinia - Green Waste Drop Off

Prepare for the 2023-24 bushfire season. Cardinia is holding a FREE green waste drop off day for Shire residents - from Friday 13 to Monday 16 October.

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

Lysterfield – Cleanaway Resource Recovery Centre  
840 Wellington Rd, Lysterfield

## Fernlea Community Care

Fernlea Community Care is holding their AGM.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November - 10am to 3pm  
Fernlea Community House  
149 Monbulk Road Emerald VIC 3782  
Phone: 03 5968 6639

## Attention all Sporting Facilities in Emerald & Surrounds

Monbulk MP, Daniela de Martino has brought to our attention this grant fund that is now available for the upgrade of sporting facilities.

Deadline: 13th December 2023

For more information: [Victorian Government Sports](https://www.victorian.government.gov.au/sports)



**Local Sports Infrastructure Fund**

**Building and upgrading:**

- Pavilions
- Change rooms
- Courts
- Sports fields
- Playspaces
- Active recreation facilities
- Outdoor aquatic facilities
- BMX and skate parks
- Scoreboards
- Fixed equipment
- Multi-sport training facilities
- Lighting

Visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au) by 13 December for details

**VICTORIA**  
State Government

## Emerald Scouts

Emerald Scout Group will be celebrating its centenary on the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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 contact Jeff Latter, Group Leader by email [jeff.latter@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:jeff.latter@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

**Jeff Latter - Emerald Scouts**

## Emerald Community House



**emerald community house**

WHERE CONNECTIONS ARE MADE AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE REALISED

**PROGRAM TERM 4**  
2nd October - 20th December 2023

All equipment supplied unless specified.  
Spaces are limited so book your slot early and have some fun!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS, CERAMICS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, POTTERY, FIRED ARTS CENTRE, COMMUNITY GARDEN, VENUE HIRE, WELLBEING, FIRST AID.

Emerald Community House Inc.  
356 - 358 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd,  
Emerald VIC 3782  
Call 03 5968 3881  
Email: [emhouse@iinet.net.au](mailto:emhouse@iinet.net.au) to sign up.

Office Open:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10 am - 3 pm or by appt  
(Office closed during school holidays)  
Find us on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/emeraldcommunityhouse](https://www.facebook.com/emeraldcommunityhouse)

**Learn Local**

Emerald Community House - Where connections are made and opportunities are realized  
[retrovic.org.au](https://www.retrovic.org.au)

## Emerald Arts Society



**Calling all Artists**

**Emerald Arts Society Annual Art Exhibition**

**Over \$4000 in Prizes**

**Best in Show**  
Adults : \$1000  
NextGen (under 20yrs) : \$500

If you would like to enter the exhibition you need to become a member of the Emerald Arts Society.  
For just \$35 membership fee (\$50 for a family) you are eligible to enter the exhibition  
Membership and Entry forms available on line  
Website : [emeraldartsociety.com.au](https://emeraldartsociety.com.au)  
Facebook : [emeraldartsociety](https://www.facebook.com/emeraldartsociety)  
Instagram : [emerald\\_arts\\_society](https://www.instagram.com/emerald_arts_society)  
or email us on [info@emeraldartsociety.com.au](mailto:info@emeraldartsociety.com.au)

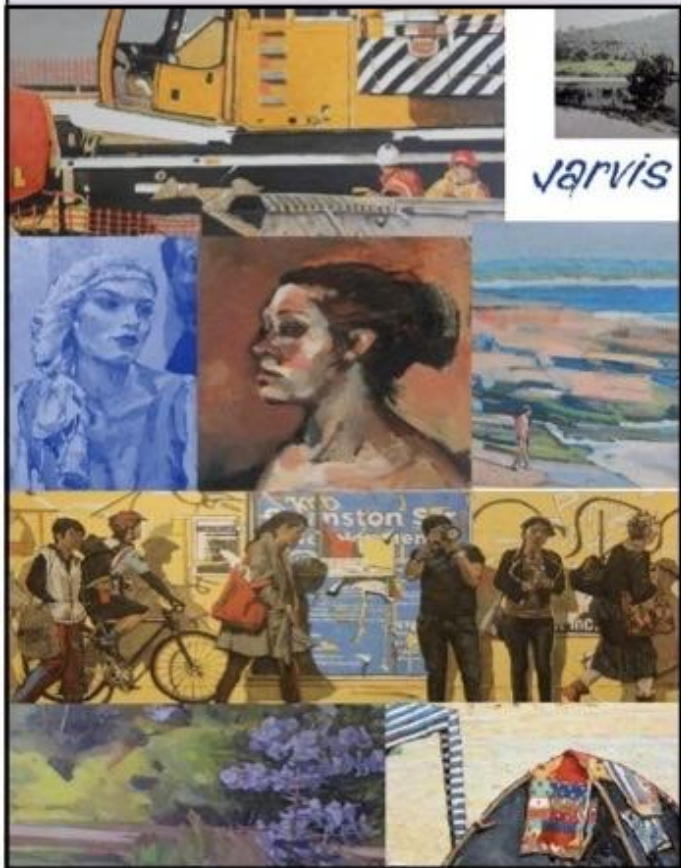
**Entries close 14th October 2023**

## Sue Jarvis Exhibition

WHERE : Sue Jarvis Gallery Garden  
24 Blackwood Lane, Gembrook 3783.  
Onsite parking.

WHEN : Saturdays and Sundays throughout October  
or by appointment  
0428818131.

[www.suejarvisartist.com.au](http://www.suejarvisartist.com.au)



## Lakers Basketball Club

**LITTLE LAKERS**  
4-6 YEARS  
TUESDAYS 4.15-5PM

**STARTS TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER!**

**LAKERS READY**  
6-12 YEARS  
TUESDAYS 5.15-6PM

REGISTER [join@emerald Lakers.com.au](mailto:join@emerald Lakers.com.au) or [emerald Lakers.com.au](http://emerald Lakers.com.au)  
\$40.00 per term

## Emerald Star Bush

Emerald Star Bush are flowering now and the community should be aware of this endangered plant on roadside edges, bush and nature strips. Many roadsides are marked with a blue stake. This project has been running since 2012 with the aim of protecting and preserving this plant which is endemic to the Emerald District.

If you find some that are growing in areas not noticed before contact : [r.jones@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:r.jones@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

Check out the website [www.emeraldstarbush.com](http://www.emeraldstarbush.com)



## Emerald Museum

Our 2024 Emerald of Yesteryear calendars are here! The theme, "Open For Business", highlights historic businesses in Emerald and surrounding districts.

Only \$10 each. Limited print run—don't miss out! Purchase from the Emerald Museum on Wednesdays 10am-3pm or Sundays 12-4pm.



## Australian Referendum

The Proposed Law:

"To alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice."

You are asked to vote YES or NO. Voting is compulsory.

Date: Saturday October 14th

Where to vote locally:

Emerald Secondary College  
Macclesfield Primary School  
Menzies Creek Primary School.

For more information visit the Australian Electoral Commission website -

<https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/>



## Emerald Probus Club

Emerald Ladies Probus members were the judges in its annual craft show last month by voting for the item they felt most worthy of winning a variety of craft categories. Six members were



awarded certificates. The success of the Creative Show was the culmination of many hours of preparation by one of our members who also organises speakers for our monthly meetings. At our October meeting we'll hear from

Cam Stirling who will talk about computer scams and how to recognise and avoid them in emails and SMS messages.

The Victorian Seniors Festival is in full swing during October and we're joining the Friends of Emerald Lake Park and Emerald Museum to participate in their events during the Festival. Later in the month we'll be visiting the beautiful Alowyn 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.

## Emerald Arts Society



### 2023 Annual Art Exhibition

3rd Nov - 7th Nov

New venue: Hills Hub, Emerald

Entries close

Saturday 14th October

Delivery of Artworks

Thursday 2nd November  
2pm to 5pm

Official Opening

Friday 3rd November  
7.30pm

Art Show Dates

Saturday to Tuesday  
4th Nov to 7th Nov  
10am to 4pm

Collection of Artworks

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## Friends of Emerald Lake Park

Very successful activities were held in September for Weedbusters Week, including the annual "Trees for Weeds Swap" and a working bee with Emerald Primary School students. Great work weeding forget-me-nots, removing tree guards and planting by the Grade 3 students.

### SYCAMORE BLITZ

Working bees on the 7<sup>th</sup> October and the 15<sup>th</sup> October will be the Sycamore Blitz. Come and join us to remove small seedlings in the Sycamore Blitz. Meet at the far end of Lakeside car park 9:00-11:00.

### SENIORS FESTIVAL WALKS

Join Friends of Emerald Lake Park for a stroll around the lakes and Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail on 9:30-11.30, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October,, followed by morning tea.

Contact: [friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com)

Take a walk to the Museum from Lakeside car park Emerald Lake Park with Friends of Emerald Lake Park on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. At the Museum enjoy a talk, look around the collection and morning tea, before returning to Emerald Lake Park via Wishing Well track. Suited to able walkers, some steep parts. Not able to walk, come straight to the Museum. Meet at Lakeside car park at 10 o'clock, return by 12 noon.

Contact: [enquires@emeraldmuseum.org.au](mailto:enquires@emeraldmuseum.org.au)

Sheila Hampson - President

# Celebrate Victorian Seniors Festival 2023 in Cardinia Shire

## Tai Chi for all!

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**Date:** Thursday 26 October  
**Time:** 11am - 1pm  
**Venue:** Worrell Reserve, Emerald  
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Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, near library  
**Cost:** Free  
**Dress code:** Comfortable / runners and bring  
a bottle of water  
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### For more information:

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## PAVED Festival

The PAVE Festival is set to return bigger and better in November this year under the banner PAVED, Performing And Visual arts in the Eastern Dandenongs.

The annual festival held in Emerald since 2004, extends itself this year across five townships in the Eastern Dandenong Ranges, affectionately known as Puffing Billy Country.

Locals & visitors will be able to enjoy & participate in the 3-day festival running from Nov 24 to Nov 26. Events will held in Belgrave, Emerald, Cockatoo, Gembrook & Upper Beaconsfield including a Twilight street fiesta, music, comedy and dance performances over more than 20 venues, workshops, Funfest family & kids activities, markets, and the Kids Fun Run against Puffing Billy.

For more information: <https://www.pavefestival.org.au/>



# Shire of Cardinia Report

## Connected Communities Update

### Volunteer Training Opportunities

#### Understanding Financials for Committee Members

Tuesday 14 November  
6.30pm - 8.30pm (hybrid)  
Learning how to read and understand the facts and figures presented in financial reports. Become equipped with knowledge to guide community groups to survive and thrive.

For further information and to register, visit [cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering](http://cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering)

#### Cardinia Shire Australia Day Award Nominations

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? Nominations are now open for our 2024 Australia Day Awards!

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

For more information and to submit a nomination, visit [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiadayawards](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiadayawards)

## HILLS HUB

We recently hosted the Cardinia Community Leadership Program.

It's the half-way point of the 2023 Cardinia Community Leadership Program. Since July, 20 emerging leaders from across Cardinia Shire have come together to build their leadership capabilities and relationships within the community.

The participants have dived straight in and have shown significant commitment. The vibe within the room during each program day has been amazing and the connections that have been established thus far have been great to see.



Coming up at the Hub

### Topia

6 - 20 October

The future is a foreign land: Enjoy an immersive exhibition of moving image, sculpture and occasional opportunistic performance. Opening times may vary. For more information visit - [www.facebook.com/TopiaExhibition](https://www.facebook.com/TopiaExhibition)

### Emerald Arts Society Annual Art Exhibition

4 - 7 November, 10am - 4pm  
With over 200 artworks on display from local artists. Come and see an amazing array of artwork expressed through various mediums.

Pictured Left : a group shot with guest speakers, Mark Langhorn (Superintendent- Policing Research and Reviews Division, Victoria Police) and Melissa Blair (CCLP graduate and Acting Inspector at Family Violence Command, Victoria Police)



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## Cardinia Shire Council

Report any issue to the Council relating to the services they provide that requires their attention.  
Email: [mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au)



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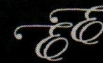
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