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Sunday 26th October

Emerald Fire Station

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10:00

Junior Firefighters Demo

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The Emerald U3A currently has around 450 members who participate in some 50 "courses". These range from painting and the fine arts, to various forms of craft, to academic courses, languages, exercise and fitness; sports, games, music and social/leisure activities.

The Expo will demonstrate some of these courses via "active displays" – people doing the things they do in a normal course session. Not all courses are suited to active displays so there will be posters to tell newcomers about what other courses cover.

We would be delighted to have you visit, "experience" our active displays to see if it's the sort of thing you would enjoy and find out more in general about the Emerald U3A.

The Expo is free to all and free tea, coffee and snacks will be available throughout the day.

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Thurs. 9th OCTOBER
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Emerald Village Association - President's Report

Headlining this month's edition is the invitation by our local CFA to their "Get Fire Ready" Open Day on Sunday October 22nd. It is up to all of us to ensure we plan ahead for the summer season.

1. *The Neighbourhood Watch - Eastern Ranges program*, an initiative of the Emerald Village Association, is gathering momentum in the whole district with monthly meetings happening and rotating between the 4 towns of the Hills region. We hope to add to this with Menzies Creek having a meeting of interest in December. The November meeting will be held in The Emerald Police station - an opportunity for locals to have a look inside.

2. The annual Citizen of the Year Awards night is on the horizon - Tuesday, October 22nd. Nominations for all three categories close on October 5th. The night also includes an opportunity for local community groups to tell the meeting of their plans for the next 12 months.

3. *EVA is a member of the Community Newspapers Association of Victoria.* The annual conference in Ballarat is on October 11th. Dona Martin and I have been invited to present to the conference on the subject of making our Newsletters an entertaining read including humour, recipes and puzzles. Watch this space.

4. *On Saturday October 11th Emerald will be hosting at the Hills Hub, a Community Safety Day* presented by the Cardinia Council. All local groups involved in safety issues will have information tables for interaction with local residents. Screws to make safe your car number plates, will be available.

5. *EVA will be installing a new Notice Board next to the Post Office* to further assist in making information available to locals re EVA and NHW business programs.

6. Council have set up an Emerald Lake Park Stakeholders committee to enable all issues about the running of

the park open for discussion.

It is an excellent venue for EVA and other groups with Park activities e.g. the Saturday morning parkrun to have their say on the Park's operations. Included in this edition is an outline of the parkrun's activities by the convenor, Phil Grocott.

7. *The Emerald Art Society* are to be congratulated for the success of the "Art in the Park" shop at the Emerald Lake Park. They are getting thousands of visitors, most coming from Puffing Billy passengers. Also, the annual Arts Show on the Melbourne Cup weekend is on the horizon at the Hills Hub. Always a show stopper.

8. Another major initiative of EVA has been the AusNet "Emergency Preparedness Kit". Information has been assembled into a kit and is being distributed through all Primary Schools in the region. A resounding success story. Also, local real estate agents will be given the kits to present to newcomers to the Hills.

So, the Hills are alive with action plans for everyone. A great place to "TO BE".

Peter Maloney



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After being named Victorian State Pharmacy Assistant of the Year earlier this year, Jess was invited to Sydney to participate for the national title, bringing the Australian title home to Emerald!

Jess's hard work, dedication, and customer-first approach have made her not only an exceptional team member but a true pillar of our community, making her a stand out among all the other state winners.



Whether it's remembering a familiar face, going the extra mile to help, or simply brightening someone's day with her warm smile and kind words, Jess is loved and appreciated by everyone who walks through our doors. Jess is now being recognised nationally for the difference she makes every single day, an extremely proud moment for all of us at EVP.

This award is a testament to her unwavering commitment and the deep impact she has on both our pharmacy team and our customers.



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Stay informed and connected

Highlights from Daniela De Martino's Monthly e-news update

As your local state representative, I'm delighted to share with you information about our Victorian State Government initiatives and local projects that matter most to our community across the hills and foothills.

From infrastructure upgrades to education, health, and environmental programs, there's always something happening in our vibrant region.

Seniors Card holders will enjoy free public transport on weekends statewide, helping ease the cost of living and supporting greater mobility for older Victorians.

Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED), a public health service for non-life-threatening emergencies, assisting people to get healthcare without leaving their home. This helps keep our paramedics attending jobs where they really are needed and that's great for everyone!

Our expanded Community Pharmacist Program, a transformative initiative by our Victorian Government that empowers trained pharmacists to treat common health conditions

To help me know what is important to you in the Monbulk electorate, my office welcomes your feedback.

Please feel free to email me at daniela.demartino@parliament.vic.gov.au, or call my office on 9754 5401, if there are any issues we can help you with.

Alternatively, feedback can be provided by my website or complete the Monbulk District community survey.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Warmest regards,

Daniela

**Daniela
De Martino**
MP for Monbulk





Ready to try something new? **Join Scouts**

Emerald Scout Group is welcoming
new members to unlock adventure
and start their Scouting journey!

Our Section meeting nights are
Joeys | ages 5-8 | Wednesday 6pm - 7pm
Cubs | ages 8-11 | Monday 7pm - 8:30pm

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Emerald Lake parkrun has been operating since 9th November 2024 - established by a small group of local volunteers.

parkrun is a worldwide phenomenon established in the UK in 2004, which now has over 2,500 event locations in 23 countries around the globe, including over 525 events in Australia.

parkrun is a free 5km community event for all age groups, fitness levels, and abilities, where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate. parkrun takes place at 8am every Saturday morning, plus a few special extra days per year.

In Australia, there's roughly 70,000 weekly parkrun participants running, jogging, walking, and pushing prams - many with a dog - and 6,200 weekly volunteers making it all happen.

parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive, there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along.

parkrun is free to register and free to participate - you need only to register once, whether walking, jogging, running, volunteering, or a combination. Your participant barcode is your key to having all your participation and volunteering recorded and recognised, wherever you parkrun globally.

Emerald Lake parkrun utilises the groomed undulating trails of Emerald Lake, with nearby parking, facilities, and cafe, and all the park's glorious flora and fauna.

We look forward to seeing you there to run, walk or volunteer!



WHERE AM I IN EMERALD

I do spend a great deal of time walking and trying to discover the many beautiful aspects that Emerald provides. Last month we were in South Emerald looking north east to Mt Donna Buang, Mt Lenard (good training spot if you are planning to walk Kokoda), and the Warby Ranges can be seen.

Given Emerald is on a ridge which was known as Main Ridge, the views from most directions are spectacular.

This month's place is oh so easy! Have you walked or run the trail? Note you can walk to Cockatoo or Gembrook and come back on the bus which runs every 30 minutes.



The winner needs to contact me and will receive a cake voucher from the Captains of Emerald(next to the Newsagent)

Dick Bartley

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Cr David Nickell Report

It's been a busy few months at Council, with the Council Plan, Financial Plan and Budget being finalised. Several items of interest regarding township planning and green wedge management planning are on track to be commenced in the Hills in the coming year.

A couple of initiatives currently running, that locals might be interested in are provided below...

Applications open for Corridors for Wildlife program:

Landowners can now apply for Cardinia Shire Council's Corridors for Wildlife program, a new initiative that provides free plants to help residents revegetate their land and restore native habitat.

The program is open to private landowners with properties that are one hectare (2.47 acres) or larger to help them revegetate sections of their property after weed control works, to establish shelter belts or to revegetate areas that have fallen into environmental disrepair. Corridors for Wildlife is suitable for property owners who would like to establish a bush-style habitat and who are willing to protect the area from livestock with fencing. **Applications close Friday 31 October. Plants will be distributed for planting in winter and early spring 2026.**

For more information, and to apply, please visit greeningcardinia.



2025 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS NIGHT

- EMERALD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
- YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
- GROUP/EVENT OF THE YEAR

Please help us celebrate Emerald's community groups who will each briefly present to tell of the years highlights and their plans for the future.

WED
7:30PM
on 22nd OCTOBER
at the HILLS
HUB



Nominations close 5th October 2025

Victorian Seniors Festival



Throughout October, more than 30 local events will be held in Cardinia Shire to celebrate the Victorian Seniors Festival. All events in Cardinia Shire are free or low-cost, and some may require booking in advance. Residents can collect a statewide festival guide from Coles supermarkets or view the statewide events calendar at www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival. To view the full Cardinia Shire Seniors Festival calendar of events or for more information about the Seniors Festival, visit

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival

These are just a couple of the things happening at Cardinia at the moment – remember to take some time to check the Cardinia Events page here... [Events | Cardinia Shire Council](#)

David Nickell
Ranges Ward Councillor



The September meeting of the The Emerald Lake Precinct (ELP) Advisory Committee, a forum for discussion of ELP park management issues; events and activities; and input into strategic documents and plans.



Corridors for Wildlife program

Applications are now open for our new Corridors for Wildlife program. Landowners with properties that are one hectare (2.47 acres) or larger can apply for free plants to revegetate their property and help restore native habitat.

Applications close Friday, 31 October. [Find out more here](#)





This Disaster Fund has been started for the community to access in the time of a natural disaster. So far, we have a total pledge of just over \$45,000 in the event of a natural disaster.

Our region has experienced repeated natural disasters over the past several decades, including the devastating Ash Wednesday fires, the Black Saturday bushfires, major flooding in 2009, the 2019–20 bushfire season, and the widespread storms that struck our hill communities in 2022 and 2024. These events have repeatedly highlighted the need for rapid, coordinated, and community-led response and recovery.

Cardinia Community Foundation



Active Cardinia Grants now open!

Grants of up to \$1,000 will soon open to support projects that promote inclusiveness and encourage participation from community members who may face barriers to engagement, including people with disabilities, those from low socioeconomic backgrounds, elderly residents, migrant populations, and individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

Funding can sponsor children to participate in team sports by covering registration fees and uniforms, support youth engagement through positive social activities that promote physical activity, foster social connection and build confidence through sports and active pursuits, or deliver essential water safety programs for adults.

We encourage applications from diverse community groups including sporting clubs, pony clubs, service organisations such as Rotary, and religious organisations. Eligible applicants must be registered associations, not-for-profit organisations, or hold Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR1) status – business applications will not be accepted.

Grant opens 15th September and closes 31st October with funds to be available by the end of November.

To apply follow the link: <https://cardiniafoundation.org/grants/>



PLEDGE FOR PREPAREDNESS



To address this, the Foundation has taken a proactive step by establishing a dedicated Natural Disaster Relief Fund. The aim is simple: to build a reserve of committed philanthropic pledges that can be activated immediately in the event of a local emergency, enabling early relief and effective support for those most affected.

We invite you to consider pledging your support, which would only be called upon in the event of a locally declared disaster. This is a practical, forward-looking approach that enables swift assistance, rather than waiting for post-disaster fundraising appeals.

Follow the QR code to pledge your support today, or get in touch.

Email: admin@cardiniafoundation.org Phone: 03 5945 0766

<https://cardiniafoundation.org/natural-disaster-fund/>

On behalf of Cardinia Shire Council

Emerald Tennis Club

A wonderful year at Emerald Tennis Club with increased participation at all levels. As summer approaches, we hope this continues. Many night/day and junior teams made it to finals throughout the year, with many winners and runners up. The juniors, are a joy to watch as they proudly represent their club in the ETC uniform. More teams and community members are involved in the Wednesday night Fast 5 competition with 18 teams now enjoying the club organised social tennis 'competition'. A new Friday night "hard-hitters" session involves a regular group that enjoy the challenge on the court every week.

Emerald Tennis Club has 8 teams playing in the KDNTA midweek competition and one ladies team playing on a Thursday. Coaching numbers continue to be healthy and always improve throughout the 'summer season of tennis'.

Closing the year, we have our popular October events: club championships, **a Trivia night at the RSL on October 18th and the opportunity for someone to take away the \$2500 prize in the Emerald Tennis Club 2025 Light It Up Raffle. 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM**

Attendance at the trivia night is not required for the raffle participation. Reverse **Draw Raffle tickets are available here: [Trybooking](https://www.trybooking.com/DFLOP)**



Our goal is to sell 200 tickets, with all proceeds from the trivia night and reverse raffle going towards updating the energy hungry old halide lights on courts 6&7 with more efficient, environmentally friendly LED lights. We encourage community members, players,

families and friends to support our fund raising raffle to help us get better lights with the added bonus and the opportunity to win \$2500.

Our AGM to be held on Nov 16th.

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Celebrating Fun and Friendship in Retirement with Emerald Ladies Probus

October 1st is recognised as the United Nations Day of Older Persons. On that day thousands of older people throughout Australia will begin to celebrate Probus Month with a series of activities highlighting fun and friendship in retirement. This year's theme for Probus Month is "Reinvent Your Retirement".

Probus' purpose is to provide opportunities for retirees and semi-retirees to come together within the community to make new friends and participate in a wide range of activities, designed to keep their minds and bodies active.

James Collins is the new CEO, Cardinia Shire Council starting 13th October, for the next five years. He has 15 years executive experience, including Director of City Planning and Infrastructure at the City of Casey that he is now leaving. Prior to that he was the Director of Social and Economic Development at Yarra Ranges Council, and has also held leadership roles at Monash City Council and Banyule City Council.

Mayor Jack Kowarzik said "James has a very grounded and authentic leadership style....along with a commonsense approach. He has a strong history in advocacy, having worked on Cardinia campaigns including the Thompsons Road extension, and the South East Melbourne Airport as part of the Greater South East Melbourne Councils Group." [Read more in the full release online](#)



Lunch at Kuranga Nursury



Probus Clubs are non-political and non-fundraising. It's all about social gatherings promoting fun and friendship - and it doesn't cost a lot.

Your local Emerald Ladies Probus Club is celebrating Probus Month with a variety of activities including

- Morning Tea at Kallista Tea rooms
- A return visit to the Melbourne Metro HQ Tunnel Experience for an update on the project
- A walk/stroll at the Tim Neville Arboretum followed by a BYO morning tea
- Finding out about retirement living with a visit to Evelyn Ridge
- Retirement Village in Mount Evelyn

- A bus trip to the Walhalla historic gold mining town in Gippsland.
- A promotional stall at Woolworths in Emerald on Thursday 9 October 10am-2pm

If you're interested in finding out more about these activities and the benefits of joining Probus, please come along to our next meeting at 10am on Monday 20 October at the Emerald RSL. You're welcome to join us for morning tea and listen to our guest speaker from Ambulance Victoria's "Shocktober" campaign.

You can find more information on our website by scanning the QR code or by contacting Michelle on 5968 4922

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SES Emerald Unit - October Update

After 13 years as Unit Controller of Emerald SES, Ben Owen has recently handed over the reins to Jess Rice. Jess is a long-time local and brings a wealth of experience in both first response and leadership. We wish her all the best in her new role and look forward to working together.

Be Prepared for Extreme Weather

Victoria is entering the high-risk weather season—a time when the state is particularly vulnerable to bushfires and floods. However, extreme weather events such as storms can now occur at any time, often without warning. The shift from traditionally predictable seasons to year-round weather events means that access to power, roads, food, or emergency services may be disrupted.

Key Safety Message

Residents should plan to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours following an extreme weather event. This includes having YOUR PERSONAL Emergency Evacuation plan in place and having access to essential supplies and knowing what to do if services are unavailable.



Support for Vulnerable Community Members

Vulnerable individuals, carers, and support services can be empowered to manage this period more independently by participating in existing Cardinia Council courses and targeted community engagement events facilitated by Emerald SES.

Join the Emerald SES

The Emerald SES is currently recruiting for a variety of roles, including member support, first responders, welfare and fundraising. There are many ways to get involved—please reach out to Olinka Edwards, email emerald@ses.vic.gov.au, or visit www.ses.vic.gov.au to learn more.

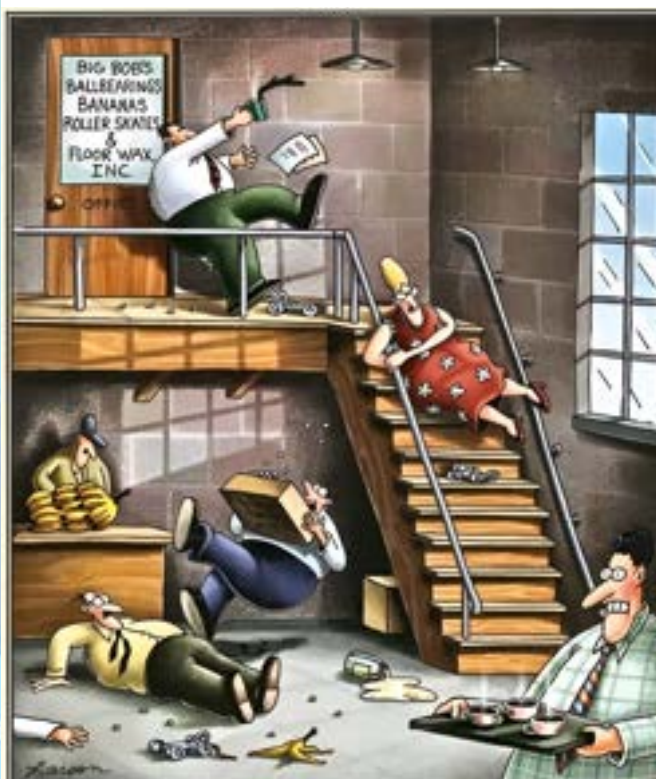
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Victorian Senior's Festival 2025
"Life in the Senior's Lane"

PORTRAIT EXHIBITION

Monday 13th to
Monday 27th Oct.
9am - 3pm daily



Fernlea Community House Hall
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PORTRAIT EXHIBITION - "LIFE IN THE SENIOR'S LANE" - BY PAUL BIANCO

This is a project I have considered doing for some time and Seniors' Month 2025 seemed like the perfect opportunity for it. The exhibition at **Fernlea Community House Hall from Oct 13th to 27th**, aims to highlight the great work just a few of our district seniors do in the community, and that age is no barrier to being active and involved. It was difficult to narrow down my choice of participants – there are so many community members who would qualify to be honoured here, but space and time are the limiting factors. Some of these luminaries you will already know - others I hope you will be pleased to meet and learn about in the exhibition. **Paul Bianco**

Emerald Men's Shed

A popular item made by the Emerald Men's Shed is the Adirondak chair, as shown in the photo below. The following explanation of the shape and history is taken from Wikipedia. The Adirondack chair is an outdoor lounge chair with wide armrests, a tall slatted back, and a seat that is higher in the front than the back. Its name references the Adirondack Mountains in Upstate New York.

The chair was invented by Thomas Lee between 1900 and 1903 in Westport, New York which is located in Adirondack Park, but the chair was patented by his friend Harry C. Bunnell, who added some minor adaptations to make it more suitable for convalescents. The chairs were popularised in nearby tuberculosis sanatoriums, where they were favoured for the way the armrests helped open up the sitter's chest. The Lee-Bunnell chair, however, had a single plank for the chair back; it was not until 1938 that the fan-shaped back with slats was patented by Irving Wolpin. We recommend the wooden version rather than the moulded plastic one some times available.



Emerald in focus



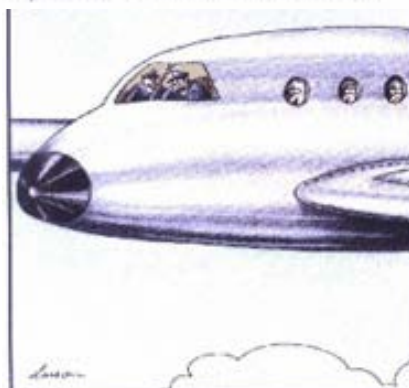
Emerald Laundromat is now trading as **Bubble Barn Coin Laundry** (the same owner) and appears to have been upgraded. Judging by comments online, this will be very well received by users.

So far we have been unable to talk to the operator to confirm if the machines have also been upgraded.

If you have used this Laundromat since the trading name changed, we would be interested to hear from you. Hopefully, we can share some 'good news' stories next month.



"The fuel light's on, Frank! We're all going to die! ... We're all going to die! ... Wait, wait, ... Oh, my mistake—that's the intercom light."



They spent ages trying to work out the meaning of inconsequential, before realising that it wasn't that important.



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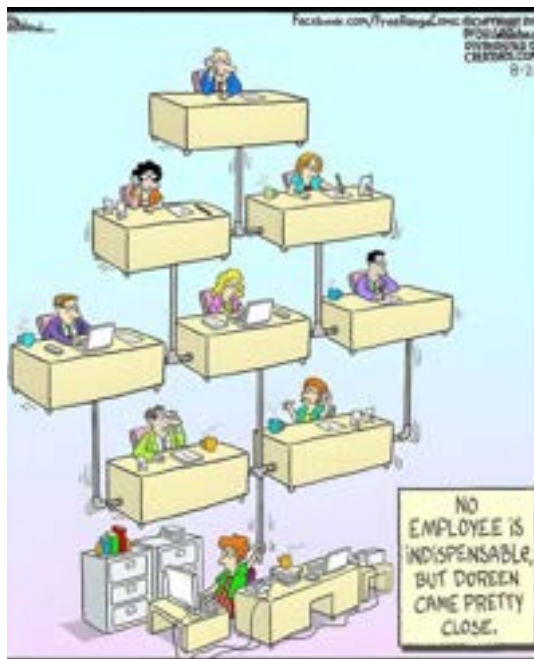
Think COMMUNITY Think **BELL**

Fernlea Community House

Our Fernlea Food Pantry program launched in August, supported by Food Bank, Aldi (Monbulk) and the generous donations of community members. Fresh produce, pantry staples, and extraordinary home-made goods thanks to our fabulous volunteer Sophie, who has been cooking up a storm for us. Big thanks also goes to Ken and Mandy for their assistance in transporting the huge foodbank order from Dandenong, and from Aldi.

We are exceptionally grateful to the Emerald Lion's Club for their support of this program – many people don't realise there is a handling fee of a few hundred dollars each time we stock up at Food Bank, and the Lions have stepped in to help us with that – they are a wonderful local club! We continue to develop local relationships to support our many families in need and for those of you able, every small donation goes a long way to assisting this endeavour. You will soon see some donation boxes around town for you to drop a few coins in.

Sarah Cole



Apologies to sensitive souls - myself included!!



Liz, Anne (pictured) and more recently, Robyn – three wonderful women “house hosts”. Your first point of contact to get things rolling.



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Rotary Club of Emerald and District



It seems only a few days ago since I wrote my last EVA newsletter – where have the days gone? Oh yes! We have been so busy; that's why it I have lost track of time.

We had a "Heart touching" meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Having a live lamb called 'captain,' in a pub is something that we've never experienced before!

Guest Speaker **Tracey Goldsworthy from Lambcare Australia** introduced the organization as a not-for-profit rescue group for sick and unwanted lambs and sheep, primarily operating in Victoria but with aspirations to expand nationwide. Captain, a three-week-old lamb in Tracey's care, was introduced, with details about his rescue story, health challenges, and bottle-feeding routine. Founded by two women who struggled financially to rescue lambs independently, leading to the establishment of the organization. Lambcare receives lambs from farmers, vets, the public, and pounds, with most arriving in compromised health due to missed colostrum, injuries, or other issues. Tracey highlighted the importance of adoption selection for lambs, ensuring they are placed in suitable homes as companion animals.



The following week our **Guest Speaker was Harry St Clair** who talked about Triple 000. Harry has worked as an ambulance call taker for almost 6 years and in that time, she has taken every call you can imagine and a few you can't! Her training took 10 weeks in total, 6 weeks of classes with 10 exams where you must score 90% to get through to the next stage and then 4 weeks of mentoring whilst you start to take calls.

Apparently calls to 000, 999 and 911 all go through to emergency services so there is no need to panic if you can't remember whether you're in Australia, UK or America.



A roster of members has been created to oversee a PR stand at Lakeside operating over 3 weekends in September and October to promote, take event registrations and donations for the **"Rotary Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy" on Sunday 30th November**. The first of these weekends was Saturday 13th September for the Puffing Billy Day out with Thomas event and the next day provided our annual assistance to the Puffing Billy 'Running Festival' with members acting as Marshalls throughout the Lake Park and operating a water station close to the RSL to help the competitors keep up their fluid levels.



When fund-raising opportunities present themselves, we are very quick to take up the offers. And when a couple of our members approached the **Darrell Lea warehouse in Rowville** a week or so ago looking for "Rotary Kids Fun Run" show bag donations and were offered the opportunity of running a BBQ stall at their first ever warehouse sale we said yes and I am delighted to report that it was a very successful morning that served two purposes – raised funds and awareness to our November event.



In today's world, with all its busyness we can be lonely, without purpose, and distant from the God who made us and loves us. At Alabaster Church Hills, we know that Jesus has called all people to come and follow Him. We welcome you to join us in learning His ways, His truth and to live a meaningful life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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When: 10am – 12pm, Sundays
Contact: Phil Cogger - 0412 492 889

Alabaster Church - Hills is part of the Australian Christian Churches (ACC)



Rotary Club of Emerald and District, continued

Our monthly social night this month coincided quite nicely with Grand Final week so on Tuesday 23rd a football themed night was held at the Gembrook Football Club. Members were encouraged to wear their favourite colours and as everyone loves dressing up this was no problem. It was a well-attended and active evening with members throwing themselves into the various games of tunnel ball, a handballing contest into bins and goal kicking – and that was just the outside fun! Members now just must stay tuned for our following social events of "The Great Debate" on 21st October and Cup Day celebrations on 4th November.



Instead of a normal meeting we held a Projects Night on Tuesday 16th. This allowed all our members to be hands on for a worthwhile cause - **the packing of 200 kits for Birthing Kits Australia**, which is a humanitarian organisation that provides birthing kits and education in clean birthing practices to woman birthing at home in remotion regions of the developing world - even in these modern times there are communities that don't have access to this basic health care and this was one way we could help.

If you are interested to see what we do feel free to contact or join us at an event or meeting (every Tuesday 6.45pm for 7pm at The Paradise Hotel). Call 0408 769 491 or 0417 038 707 website: www.emeraldrotary.org.au



Dates for your calendar:

Speakers –

7th October – Jack Kowarzik, Mayor of Cardinia Shire, 14th Oct – Stefanie Straub CEO – Puffing Billy

Events -

Tuesday 28th October Primary Schools Speech Contest at Menzies Creek Primary School, Sunday 30th November Rotary Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy at Gembrook Saturday 13th June 2026 Rotary Debutante Ball at Cathies Lane Receptions

Shalini Penny, Publicity

Emerald Men's Shed



Cookie is hard at work making another of his beautiful hardwood coffee tables with the blue resin feature.

I asked Cookie if that was depicting a river in a baron wasteland setting. He said 'Well yes, there's that.....and there's also the fact that blue is the only colour I've got'.



He's sold the one we featured in August and I think this one is going to be even nicer.

I love popping in to the Men's Shed to say hello. They're such a friendly lot. Keep up the great work you do in our community; you're little operation that still exudes the lovely 'workshop vibe' in the ultra modern Hub is a treasure.



Stuart Allen



Term 4 offerings at Fernlea Community House

Our term 4 program has been released, with new classes added.. see feature on back page.

You can now pick up a program at a number of outlets throughout town.

Sarah Cole

We ♥ our Volunteers

Fernlea are looking for regular volunteers to help with numerous activities, whether it's a couple of hours a week, or more, it's a lovely environment to be around.

The only thing I take seriously in the newspapers nowadays is Fish and Chips. And even that I take with a pinch of salt.



CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Volunteer Training Workshops

Throughout the year Council offers a range of free training workshops for volunteers to support our community organisations such as community asset committees, neighbourhood houses, sporting clubs, men's sheds, township committees and many more.

To see what sessions are coming up and to register, visit: cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering or email:

connectedcommunities@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Volunteer Learning Bytes

Did you know that Council offers a suite of free online training modules for volunteers?

These learning modules equip volunteers with key skills to enhance their community impact. Topics include: Conflict of Interest, Financial Records, Successful Meetings, Contractor Management, Difficult Conversations, and Governance & Risk Management.

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Lions Emerald and District

Emerald and District Lions Club Shines in Busy September

September has been a bustling and rewarding month for the Emerald and District Lions Club, filled with community engagement, new initiatives, and heartfelt tributes.

The month kicked off with a social evening featuring guest speaker Nadia Douglas, Community Strengthening Facilitator for Aboriginal Engagement at Cardinia Shire Council. Her presentation offered an enlightening and educational perspective on reconciliation and cultural differences, leaving attendees with a deeper understanding of these vital topics. The event also marked a milestone for the club, which welcomed five new members. Further details on the new members will be shared in the next news edition.

The Lions Club continues its steadfast support for the Fernlea Community House food bank, which now provides meals for approximately 300 people every fortnight. This initiative has significantly alleviated pressure on food banks at St. Luke's and Tecoma. The club expressed pride in its ongoing partnership with Fernlea Community House and its commitment to supporting this vital program well into the future.

In Cockatoo, the Lions Club's efforts at the BASE have helped transform a once abandoned building into a vibrant community hub. The space is now buzzing with activity, attracting interest from various community groups and clubs, and has been warmly embraced by the local community.

Later in the month, the club had the privilege of hosting Maria Millers, founder of the Woorilla Poetry Prize. Millers shared the fascinating history of the prize, which has garnered international attention since its inception in 1989, inspiring attendees with its legacy of creativity and community connection.



The club also paid tribute to Robert Bruce Kemp, whose generous bequest over 30 years ago continues to benefit the youth and broader Emerald and surrounding communities. Wisely invested, Kemp's donation remains a gift that keeps on giving, supporting countless initiatives over the decades.

The month concluded with the Lions Club proudly sponsoring the UN Sing for Unity Day, led by the Lyrebirds Choir at The Hub in Emerald. The event saw a magnificent turnout, with the community coming together to celebrate unity and lift spirits through the power of song.

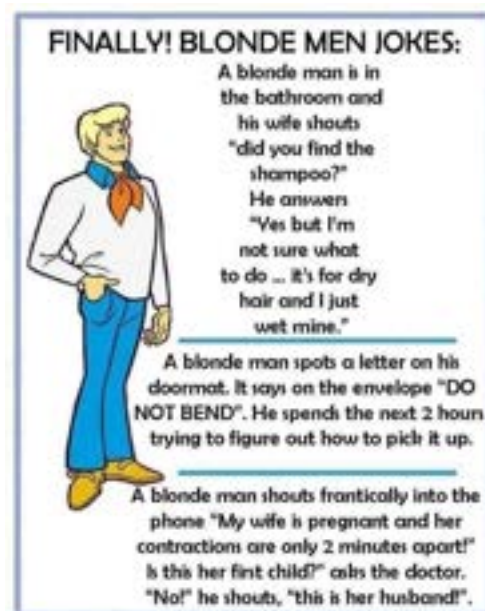
The Emerald and District Lions Club's dedication to fostering community spirit and supporting meaningful initiatives continues to make a lasting impact, with September serving as a testament to our ongoing commitment.

If you would like information on joining the Lions club Emerald and District please email: emeraldionsclubvic@gmail.com

Dave Jordan
President-
Emerald and
District Lions Club



Suddenly, crossing the road didn't seem like such a big deal after all.





You're invited to attend

NHW Eastern Ranges Meeting Cockatoo - AWBEC

Where:

Cnr McBride St and
Pakenham Road

Tuesday
14 October
6.30 pm

All welcome!



The most recent meeting for Neighbourhood Watch Eastern Ranges was held at Upper Beaconsfield on Tuesday 9th Sept. It was a great turn out of local residents. The Chairman noted how society was changing, and at one time there was very little crime in our towns. This has changed, so we each need, as a community be more proactive working together with neighbours and the Hills community.



Emerald Police-Sergeant Colin Burge noted there is an ongoing surge of residential and retail break-ins as the warmer weather increases. He said "Think logical, physical security - dowel rods in sliding doors and windows and window locks for all windows."



Casey Cardinia Proactive Policing Unit - Leading Senior Constable Frank Bailey said a community project called '9 o'clock lock' is being promoted. The aim is to encourage us to take responsibility and lock up cars, garages, homes etc as a 9 o'clock habit. Hopefully this will result in less crime.



**The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting
is on Tuesday 14th October at AWBEC
McBride Street, Cockatoo at 6.30pm.
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All of these manufacturers incorporate keyless entry and start technologies in multiple models, ranging from compact cars to luxury SUVs. Basically, if your key doesn't need to be inserted and no button needs to be pressed on the key to unlock the car, one of our RFID blocking enclosures would be a perfect solution to mitigate the risk of theft.

Relay attack and key cloning

Relay car theft is a sophisticated crime that exploits keyless entry systems in vehicles. Thieves use a pair of radio transmitters to intercept and relay the signal from a car's key fob, which is often inside the owner's home, to the vehicle. One criminal stands close to the vehicle with a transmitter, while an accomplice holds the other near the house to capture the signal from the key fob. The signal is then amplified and transmitted to the accomplice's device, tricking the car into thinking the key fob is nearby. This allows the vehicle to be unlocked, and in many cases, started and driven away without any physical break-in or traditional theft tools. This method is quick, silent, and often undetected until it's too late. No signal, no chance.

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FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

The new Aged Care Act

Over the past 12 months, Fernlea has been actively preparing for the introduction of the new Aged Care Act, which comes into effect on 1st November. This significant legislative reform marks a major shift in the way aged care is delivered across Australia.

The new Act is focused on empowering older people, upholding their rights, and supporting individual needs and personal choices. It also changes how the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission regulates aged care providers and enforces compliance with provider responsibilities.

If you have any questions about the new Aged Care Act or need assistance in understanding your funding or service options, please don't hesitate to contact our office. We're here to help.

Sarah Cole
Chief Executive Officer



Victorian Seniors Festival 2025

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MEN'S MORNING TEA
Saturday 11 October
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"LIFE IN THE SENIOR'S LANE"
At Fernlea Community House,
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Bookings: Kerry 03608 3895 (Option 5) or email kerry@emerald.vic.gov.au

Photography exhibition - Paul Bianco
Monday 13-Monday 27 October, 9am-3pm daily
Beautifully refurbished Fernlea Community House hosts Paul Bianco's
vibrant portrait exhibition, celebrating spirited, lively stories of
seniors of Emerald and districts.
and...

Fireside chat and panel discussion
Sunday 19 October, 2-4pm
Join us to hear from our local Emerald and district seniors as they participate
in an informative, fun filled fireside chat and panel discussion.
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Stephanie Vu

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have popped up on
some of our footpath
bins.



Road strike under review

The Pakenham Gazette Wednesday, 20 August 2025 reports on valuable work done by Leanne Sultana, a wildlife rescuer in the fight against escalating wildlife road strike along Wellington Road. Ms Sultana and her group documented in July 100 animals killed, 89 being kangaroos. Other animals documented over a 16-month span included eastern grey kangaroos, Eastern Kangaroos, Swamp Wallabies,

Ringtail Possums, Bare Nosed Wombats, Brushtail Possums, Echidnas, and Birds (Magpies, Kookaburras, Rosella's etc).

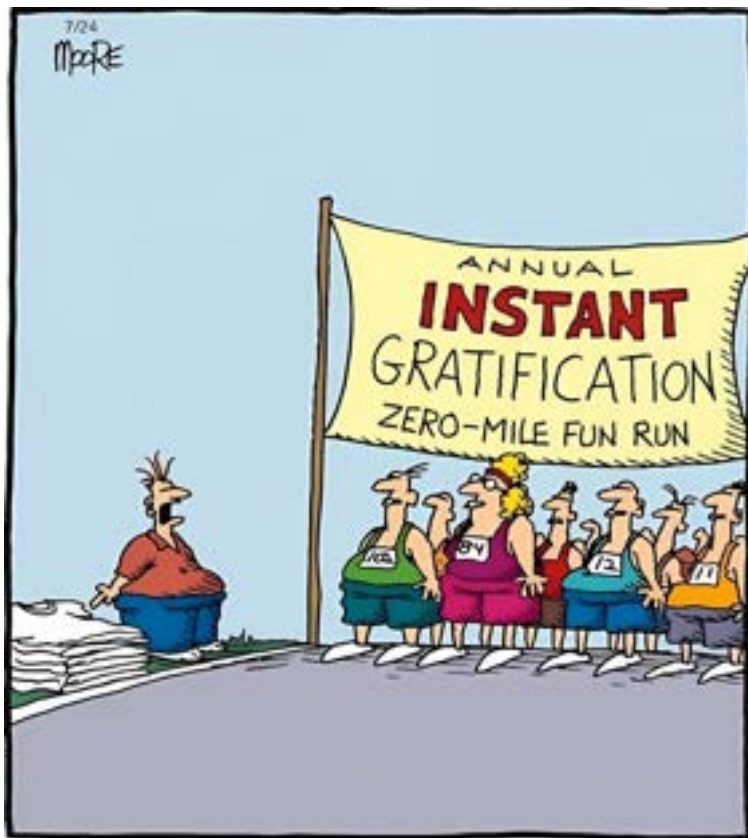
Currently different strategies are under consideration. Ms Sultana acknowledged the assistance of councillors of Yarra Ranges, and MP Kim Wells for their raising the issue in Parliament.

Ms Sultana and other wildlife rescuers continue their submitting evidence to the

Leanne Sultana. (Stewart Chambers: 471259)



Parliamentary Inquiry into Wildlife Roadstrike. To add your name to a growing petition seeking to address the roadstrike issue at the following link: [Road strike petition](#)



"Runners to your mark. Get set. Go! ... OK, come get your T-shirts."

OPEN DAILY 9 am - 4 pm

Free Art Exhibition at the Emerald Lake Exhibition Centre



Karen Alsop is a highly acclaimed photographer and artist with over 20 years of experience in both photography and graphic design. She is known for her ability to blend these two mediums to create breathtaking artworks that transport the viewer to another world.

Karen integrates a wide array of digital techniques, including Photo-shop compositing and augmented reality, to create thought-provoking and imaginative images.

Also at Emerald Lake

Park visit ART IN THE PARK, a Pop-up Gallery in the old tea rooms, OPEN THURS - SUNDAY 11 am - 4 pm

An alliance of creative groups has formed Art in the Park, a Pop-up Gallery to showcase the amazing artists in the Cardinia Shire.

The old tea rooms at the Emerald Lake Park Precinct, is now filled with a diverse display of artworks. With everything from landscapes, portraits, sculptures, abstract and textile art. The exhibition has 35 artists who have contributed 135 artworks for the display. All the works are for sale and can be taken home at the time of purchase. The Gallery also has a shop selling a large collection of bespoke artist creations. Items include cards, prints, pottery, jewellery, resin products, small artworks and much more. This is a great place to grab a unique gift or souvenir.



The Nobelius Packing Shed

This is the third in a three-part series about the significance of the contribution of Karl Axel Nobelius to Emerald's history and heritage.

You might ask – a packing shed, what's the significance of that? It's obviously tangible evidence of the enormous scale of the nursery that Nobelius was running in the latter years of the nineteenth and early years of the twentieth century, that the Nursery could have its own siding on a railway line.

Nobelius had been one of the chief lobbyists for the construction of the narrow-gauge railway from Upper Ferntree Gully to Gembrook, arguing that his trees and plants were being shipped all around the world and they needed a reliable way to get them to



Packing shed and siding in 1904.



View of the packing shed from the south-east before restoration c. 1955. Note the loading hatch in the east wall which was originally accessed by a ramp from the south. This has been removed and replaced by a chimney. The packing shed was restored by the Puffing Billy Preservation Society in 1983. [Source: 2018 Biosis Report]

port. I have searched Victorian and Australian records, and I can't find another example where a nursery had its own siding with a packing shed, (here's the challenge to any reader to tell me about another place). It may well be the only such place in the world.

Importantly, the Victorian government has recognised the significance of the Nobelius Packing Shed and Railway Siding and has placed it, together with the remnants of the Nursery, on the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) – a listing of a bit over 2,000 places that are of state significance. What does the VHR say about it? Nobelius was a strong advocate for the construction of a railway line originally running from Ferntree Gully to Gembrook, to avoid the difficulties of transporting trees 25 km over rough tracks to the railway at Narre Warren. The line was opened in December 1900 (125th anniversary is coming up soon).

In 1904 permission was given by the Victorian Railways to Nobelius to build a siding and packing shed adjacent to land newly acquired for the nursery as a key facility for preparing millions of seedlings and stocks for world-wide shipment and for the transport and distribution of trees and nursery plants as well as other local agricultural products. The railway was heavily used by Nobelius in his nursery and orchard business, and the timing of purchase of the Nobelius Heritage Park land, with direct railway frontage, correlates directly with the establishment of the rail operations, and shows a clear anticipation by Nobelius of the economic potential this new service could offer.

The building is on railway land and is not within the Nobelius park boundary. However, it is a prominent feature of the of the park, originally visible from many directions and the only substantial structural element surviving from the Nursery. The packing shed is

a two-storey weatherboard building with a main gable roof and a skillion veranda to the railway siding on the upper level.

The rear view of the two-storey building is what most people see, unless you are on the train. The lower storey included a fumigation chamber where tree consignments could be disinfested prior to consignment, the upper storey included the offices. You can read a detailed description of the building in the Nobelius Heritage Park Conservation Management Plan (available on line). The Packing Shed was not maintained well after the demise of the Nursery and parts fell into disrepair. Over the years various alterations were made and in restoring the building in 1983 several modifications were made.

In talking with the Puffing Billy Railway CEO Stefanie Straub, she said that PBR recognises that the Nobelius Packing Shed is an important (if often understated) part of the Railway's heritage and that PBR is committed to conserving the building to ensure that its important heritage is recognised and its story is better told.

Sources: heritagecouncil.vic
Nobelius Heritage Park Conservation
Management Plan October 2020

Trevor Budge



Emerald Museum 'Emerald in Focus' Launched

Emerald in Focus: A Photographic History 1858-1958 has just been reprinted and was officially launched at a gathering at the Emerald Museum on Thursday Sept 25.

Cardinia Shire Mayor, Cr Jack Kowarzik, presided over the event which was attended by past and present volunteers and friends of the Museum as well as representatives of Emerald community organisations and historical societies.

The Mayor expressed his pride in belonging to a council and a community that values history and hoped that this book would serve as a lasting tribute to the people and places that have shaped the area as well as inspiring future generations to explore and appreciate the history of the Shire.



Descendants of early Emerald settler families (A'Vard, Kirkpatrick and Nobelius) get together at the Launch
L to R: Jill A'vard, Cat Baird, Lynne Schrull, Chris Britton, Pauline Murphy and Cr David Nickell



A Trio of Reps - L to R: Mayor of Cardinia Cr Jack Kowarzik, Former Mayor and 2020 Emerald Citizen of the Year Graeme Legge, and Ranges Ward rep Cr David Nickell.



Emerald in Focus covers the first one hundred years of European settlement in Emerald & surrounding districts with a suite of wonderful photo-graphs which bring to life the social, sporting, educational, working & artistic life of the area - including a focus on the district's pioneer industries of gold, timber and horticulture.

The original book which was published in 2006 was the result of the hard work of several Museum volunteers at the time with particular acknowledge-

Facilitating this reprint has been a recent team effort of several Museum volunteers with special thanks to Lynne Schrull for finding photographs and to Jill Avarid for doing the graphic design and organizing the printing.

Readers of EVA News may have historical ties to the Emerald district and will therefore enjoy researching their ancestors. In fact, our local representative, Cr David Nickell, is a descendant of the earliest European settlers in Emerald in its mid-19th century gold rush days.

ment of the role of Chris Britton who did the bulk of the research and selection of photographs and of Jo Jenkinson who wrote the text.

Emerald in Focus was immediately very popular, which led to it going out of print. The many requests for it since then have led to the Museum undertaking this reprint with the correction of a few errors in the first print run. The index has made it easier to find people and places. Facilitating this reprint has been a

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Emerald in Focus could be an ideal Christmas or birthday present for someone in your life. In buying it, you are supporting a local institution which preserves our collective memory and helps us to understand how the place where we live has evolved over time. Every local home should have a copy! *Emerald in Focus* is available for sale for \$40.00 at the Museum in Nobelius Heritage Park (open Wed 10.00-3.00 and Sun 12.00-3.00) and at Grace and Louie Booksellers in downtown Emerald, corner of Heroes Avenue and Kilvington Drive.

Anne Carter



L to R: Mayor of Cardinia Cr Jack Kowarzik, President of the Museum Committee Pauline Murphy, and a Past President and major contributor to the 2006 publication of *Emerald in Focus*, Chris Britton (A'Vard)

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Remembrance Day

Emerald RSL's Remembrance Day service will be held at the town centre Cenotaph (outside the Commonwealth Bank) on Tuesday 11th November, at 10.30am.

What is Remembrance Day?

Every year on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we pause to remember those who died in global conflicts all over the world.

This marks the moment in 1918 when the guns on the Western Front fell silent, ending World War I. In Remembrance Day services, a minute's silence is observed at 11am, and it is customary to wear a red poppy as a symbol of remembrance. Please join us as we remember. Lest we forget.

What is the Poppy Appeal?

The Poppy Appeal is an annual fundraising campaign that has been running for over 100 years, organized by RSL Australia. It is held in the lead-up to Remembrance Day, honouring the service and sacrifice of Australian veterans. The funds raised through the appeal are crucial for providing support to veterans and their families, including mental health services, financial assistance, and community programs.

Keep an eye out around town and say g'day to our dedicated volunteers as they decorate our town with poppies, and when they're selling Poppy Appeal merchandise.

Tanya Jogan

secretary@emeraldrsl.com.au

Emerald RSL Sub-branch Inc.

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We invite you to join us for a

Remembrance Day

service at 10.30am

Tuesday 11th November 2025

at the Cenotaph in Emerald

(near the Emerald Commonwealth Bank)



Emerald RSL

Market Dates for the rest of the year 2025

9am to 2pm 4th Sunday of the Month



26th October
23rd November

Save them to your calendar now

Nestled in the scenic Dandenong Ranges, the Gembrook Market country experience is just an hour's drive from Melbourne.

Held on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December), this vibrant community-run market features a diverse array of stalls showcasing local crafts, fresh produce, plants, and gourmet treats.

Visitors may be able to enjoy a sausage and a coffee, along with live music from local buskers, and children will love the occasional jumping castle. With both indoor and outdoor stalls, free parking, and a welcoming atmosphere, it's a perfect family outing.

Don't miss the chance to explore the charming town of Gembrook and its historic precinct.

Contact Details:

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- Improve customer experience & fix pain points.
- Promote fair & equitable outcomes in the energy transition.
- Strengthen communication reliability and accessibility.
- Hold AusNet accountable with annual CCC reviews aligned to Energy Charter reporting.

Vegetation Management

Compliance with Victorian safety regulations; aims to reduce outages, bushfire risk, and improve reliability.

- Delivered by partners Active Tree Services & ETS Infrastructure.
- Tools: LiDAR surveys, hazard tree monitoring, specialised machinery.
- New Customer Satisfaction Survey on notification, professionalism, site quality, and timeliness.

Energy Charter Disclosure Report

Updated after CCC feedback with clearer focus areas, inclusion of projects (e.g., ElectriFAIRcation), stronger case studies, and CCC-applied ratings to principles.

Customer Service Incentive Scheme (CSIS) 2026–31

Metrics: unplanned outage CSAT, planned outage CSAT, new connections CSAT (incl. solar & battery), first-call resolution.

- Rewards/penalties: +/- 1% of revenue (~\$8M/year).
- Proposal: standard deadbands (+/- 0.1) for simplicity.
- 2021–26: ~\$37M invested in CX, but CSAT improvement remained challenging.

AusNet Vegetation Management:

AusNet's vegetation management program is designed to ensure compliance with

Victoria's Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2025, improve network reliability, and mitigate bushfire risks. The company uses long-term partnerships with two Australian-owned service providers, supported by ground and aerial (LiDAR) inspections, to maintain clearance spaces and address hazard trees proactively.

AusNet is proposing a new customer satisfaction (CSAT) survey targeting residents and businesses affected by vegetation works to improve transparency, capture feedback, and identify opportunities to enhance customer experience.

Council responsibilities:

Some councils expressed concern about being blamed for matters under AusNet's responsibility, though most reported positive interactions with contractors. Clarification was sought on why some councils are responsible for vegetation management while others are not. AusNet confirmed councils are responsible for trees in declared areas and suggested that interactive mapping could make responsibilities clearer.

Customer property trees:

If customers resist tree cutting/removal on their land, AusNet prefers collaborative resolution. AusNet does have regulatory powers to act when safety is at risk, but enforcement is a last resort.

George Trojan



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NEW MONTHLY SEGMENT

Recipes  
- tried & tested,
from the community.

Send yours in anytime!
Pictures welcome.



Kicking us off is Daniela De Martino MP, Member for Monbulk

**PARMIGIANA DI MELANZANE
– EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA**

This dish is a firm family favourite. My dad's mum, Nonna Anna, would make this on special occasions. She came from Naples, Italy, and when they emigrated they had very little with them, but Nonna had her recipes and she was an amazing cook who could whip up vast quantities of food with little notice. She expressed her love through her cooking, and I certainly do the same.

My mother learnt how to make this dish from Nonna. I learnt from my mum and taught my husband, who taught our daughter, and now it's a combined effort from all three of us over who will contribute in which way to the making of this dish! My son's great effort is in eating as much of this as he can...!

We have a family tradition for birthdays. The birthday person gets to choose a three-course meal which is cooked by the rest of us. I cannot remember a time when Parmigiana wasn't on the menu. It is loved by us all - which is why it is my chosen recipe.



Some recipes call for the eggplant to be crumbed or floured. We don't bother but fry it as it is. This makes it a slightly quicker version for those who haven't got hours to spare.

If you're lucky enough to have any left over, it's great in a roll the next day as a hot or cold lunch, but we never seem to have any remaining in our house!

Buon appetito

INGREDIENTS:

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
into quarters (not crushed)
1 x 680gr bottle tomato passata
5 large eggplants (approx. 1.3kg)
Salt
1 cup olive oil
300gr firm mozzarella
5 teaspoons parmesan cheese grated
20-30 Basil leaves
Salt and pepper to taste

For the sauce:

Place two tablespoons of olive oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat and once warmed, place two squashed garlic cloves into oil and gently fry until lightly golden. Add passata to oil and garlic. Pour water into the passata bottle up to ¼ full. Close lid and shake it to get all the tomato off the sides of the bottle. Pour this into the saucepan for extra liquid. Turn the heat to medium high stirring the sauce and bring to a low boil. Add 10 basil leaves.

Once bubbles are forming on the top, turn the heat down to lowest setting your stove will go, cover with a lid and stir occasionally for approximately 40 minutes. Season to taste. The sugo (sauce) is ready when it does not taste acidic or 'raw' but is mellow.

While the sauce is cooking - wash the eggplants and slice lengthways to approx. 5mm thickness. Liberally salt each piece of eggplant and place in a colander over a bowl or in the sink so the colander can drain. This will draw out the bitterness from the eggplant. Leave for approx. 30 minutes. Rinse the salt off the eggplant slices and pat dry with paper towels.

Heat approx. 1 cup of olive oil over medium high heat in an oven proof baking dish or fry pan.

Fry the eggplant a few slices at a time until golden on one side, then turn over and fry until both sides are golden. Remove cooked eggplant and place on a baking tray lined with clean paper towels. Repeat until all the eggplant is cooked. Once all the eggplant is fried set aside.

Pre heat oven 170 fan forced /180 no fan

ASSEMBLY

Cut mozzarella into small pieces. In a large backing tray/dish, spread a large spoon of prepared sugo on the bottom of the dish. Lay out fried and drained eggplant slices to cover the base. Ladle a thin layer of sugo over the eggplant so that they are all covered. Place some mozzarella pieces on top of the sugo. You can add more if you want it really cheesy, or hold back if you prefer less cheese. I would use approx. 70gr per layer. Sprinkle 1-2 tablespoons parmesan over this layer and three or so torn basil leaves. Repeat until you run out of eggplant slices. The top layer should be finished with sugo, basil and the two cheeses.

Bake in a moderate oven (170 fan forced, 180 without fan) for approximately 45 minutes. Check carefully to ensure it doesn't burn. The parmigiana is ready when the sugo from the bottom layers is bubbling to the top and the cheese is golden and melted. Some darkening of the sugo is absolutely fine and deepens the flavour.

Enjoy! Buon appetito!

Serves 6 - 8



MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

The Red House

Author Kate Wild examines the 2019 fatal shooting of Kumanjayi Walker, a Warlpiri man, in Yuendumu, Northern Territory by Constable Zachary Rolfe. Rolfe was later put on trial for murder but was acquitted after a high-profile court case.

The Red House is a powerful, timely, and essential reading for anyone interested in modern Australia: its moral challenges, its history, its failures, and its possibilities. It is not light reading, but it is necessary. Kate Wild combines strong investigative rigor with sensitivity and insight.

Wild uses this event as a focal point to explore the larger themes of race relations in Australia, Indigenous justice, colonial history, and how Australia's past continues to shape its present. She traces patterns of violence, systemic racism, and Australia's history with Indigenous peoples.

The book connects this specific incident to broader systems: colonial legacy, legal structures, policing in remote communities, and Indigenous experiences. It doesn't treat the event in isolation. This gives the reader a deeper understanding of why these tragedies happen and why the reactions they provoke are so charged.

Although it deals with heavy and complex issues, and is quite confronting, Wild writes in a way that is accessible to a wide audience

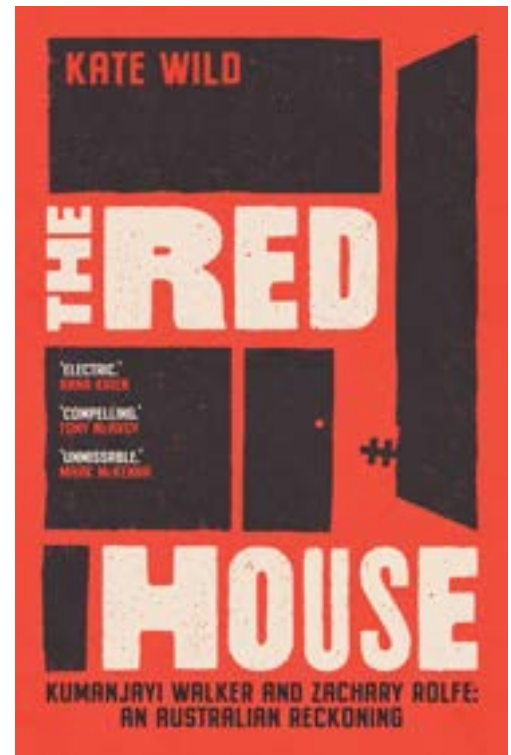
and reaches beyond those already well-versed in these discussions.

Some readers might feel that Wild leans more strongly toward one side (particularly Indigenous injustice) — which many would argue is justified — but this might also prompt criticisms of bias from those less sympathetic to those arguments.

The Red House comes at a moment in Australia when conversations about Indigenous rights, First Nations justice, policing, truth, and reconciliation are active and sometimes contentious. The book contributes substantively to that conversation.

The case of The Queen v Rolfe raises issues about how the legal system handles Indigenous deaths in custody, how police accountability is managed (or not), and how the public perceives these events.

As with many non-fiction investigations, what Wild can do is limited by what can be accessed: legal documents, witness interviews, public records. Some aspects might remain less visible, either because of legal restrictions or because people fear speaking out. This can leave gaps, or a sense that we are still seeing through official or semi-official lenses.



While the book implies that change is possible but requires a willingness to confront uncomfortable truths, to listen and to build different institutions and practices.

Despite the lack of simple closure, that is exactly what gives the book its weight: it forces the reader to reckon with complexity, to sit with discomfort, and to consider what justice really demands.

Lyn Watson

Grace & Louie Bookstore Book Club



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Hills Region 'Kit' Project

'Mission Kit Delivery continues!'

We started with 1,500 AusNet Go Bags, packed with a variety of booklets, pamphlets, flip-charts, fridge magnets and guides on making a household plan for the 1st 72 hours following an emergency, and living in the hills.

In September we delivered to Emerald and Gembrook Primary Schools pictured above. Macclesfield Primary is booked, so just Cockatoo and Upper Beaconsfield to go.

60 bags have been supplied to Cockatoo Scouts, and Connecting Cockatoo Communities for their Welcome BBQ.

AusNet



Kindness to a Stranger ... and Strangers No More

At a time when there is so much woe in the world, we need to pay homage to the acts of kindness and the spirit of generosity which exist in our community. There are many Good Samaritans whose kindness and generosity remains unseen, sometimes deliberately so.

For a long time, Carol McDonough, an elderly friend of mine who lives in the country, has been too unwell to visit the Emerald Cemetery. It was seven years since she visited the graves of her parents and her two babies who died from cot deaths in the 1980s. I had let her know that the plaque honouring the lives of her beloved babies had disintegrated. She had a deep longing to fix the plaque and to visit the graves of those she still mourned.

A new plaque was made in Bendigo – but how to get it to Emerald Cemetery and install it? Unable to find a local tradesman to do the job, Carol had an inspired idea and rang the Emerald Men's Shed, hoping someone there might be able to help. By good fortune she spoke with Michael Dinkgreve who listened patiently to Carol as she explained the situation. He offered to help. Carol posted the new plaque to Michael, and he skilfully attached it to a beautiful piece of red gum timber and then affixed this to the metal stand on the grave. It transpired that Carol's sorrow for her babies resonated with Michael's sorrow for the loss of his two daughters. Carol and Michael had never met but there was an invisible bond between them that only parents who have lost a child can share.

On the first day of Spring, Carol's niece and a dear friend drove her to Macclesfield. At the cemetery Carol and Michael met for the first time – strangers no more. I was deeply moved to witness them embracing each other. Michael then led us to the grave. After looking at the plaque, we sat in silent contemplation to the accompaniment of birds singing, and then each of us spoke a few words from our hearts.

Michael joined us for afternoon tea back at our home and the contours of the conversation covered a rich landscape – about sorrow, remembrance and kindness to strangers.

Dorothy Scott

Friends of Emerald Lake Park



When you are walking along the bushland tracks in the Lake Precinct, the trees and smaller plants that are in flower tend to grab our attention. What need more of your attention and some background knowledge are the smaller and more retiring plants.

A great example is in flower at the moment along Pine Track – it's a native orchid that you can see in a couple of places growing in the trunks of treeferns.

Here's what VICFLORA has to say about what we think is the orchid in the photo. If you have different ideas please let us know – we're always happy to improve our knowledge.

Corybas grumulus registered as endangered. Found in mountain forests of eastern Victoria often in fern gullies and wet sclerophyll forests growing in rich mountain loam or on rotting logs or treefern trunks.

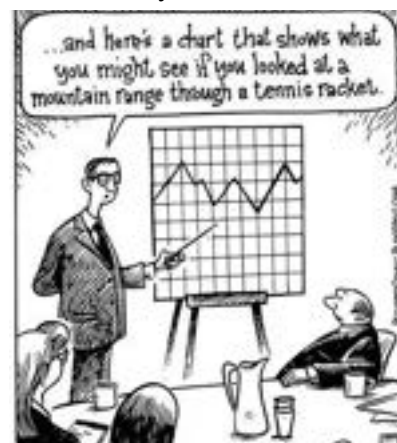


Working bees in October

Saturday October 4. Meet at 9am at the Lakeside carpark. We'll be working along the Wishing Well track, removing weeds and checking on the health of past revegetation projects.

Sunday October 12. Meet at 9am at the Nobelius Packing Shed. You'll find it on the track at the end of Crichton Road. Parking is available at the Shed and nearby. We'll be working on the project site that is down the hill from the Nobelius Track near Superman corner. The contractors have completed the felling of invasive exotic trees and weed control on the site. We will be following up with some more weeding and the planting of indigenous tube stock. First stage in the revegetation of the site.

Thursday October 16. Meet at 9am at the Nobelius Packing Shed. This is a follow up to Sunday's working bee. Same place and same work with more tube stock to into the ground. We plan to follow up with additional local plants in autumn next year.



Annual General Meeting

Friends of Emerald Lake Park are holding our Annual General Meeting on Saturday October 4 at 10.30am at the end of a shortened Saturday working bee. The meeting will be held in the Lakeside picnic shelter near the Lakeside carpark. We ask that all members attend. We also welcome anyone else who is interested in the work of the group.

If you are not yet a member but plan to attend, please email us at friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com so we can send you the agenda and other useful documents. You will need to be a member to vote at the meeting but can join on the day.

Anne de Schepper

Cardinia Shire Council

Community Safety Expo Emerald



Victoria Police, Cardinia Shire Council and the Cardinia Shire Safer Communities Partnership Committee are partnering with Neighbourhood Watch- Eastern Ranges to host a 'Community Safety Expo' to celebrate October Community Safety Month!

Come down for a free coffee and light snacks and talk to us about how we can all work together to make a safer community. Free anti-theft screws for your motor vehicle will also be available.

Hills Hub, 400A Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald
Saturday 11 October, 2:30pm - 4:30pm

This free community event is a great opportunity for you to talk to representatives from Victoria Police, Council, and other community safety partners about working together to make a safer community.

The Lyrebirds Community Choir *Music Notes*

On Sunday the Lyrebirds Community Choir in Cockatoo hosted the most amazing free community concert at The Hills Hub in Emerald. Combining 4 choirs/groups from across the hills to create a soundwave of hope and unity on The United Nations International Day of peace.

Our day was officiated by Daniela De Martino State MP and featured the combined voices of TUNE IN Group Music, Sweet Sassafras Community Choir, The Colour Notes Choir and of course the Lyrebirds. Sponsored by the Emerald & District Lions Club, The Emerald Community Bank with advertising help from Ranges First National, the word spread quickly, and we were thrilled to share the day with over 250 attendees. It truly was a remarkable day and for the grand finale, every member from each group (and there were over 80 people) combined to sing 2 songs of peace, togetherness and unity. It is so hard to put into words just how beautiful it was. If anyone is interested, there are some videos of the day on our Facebook page, The Lyrebirds Community Choir.

facebook.com/lyrebirdscommunitychoir

Elise Turnedge



Colour notes



The Lyrebirds



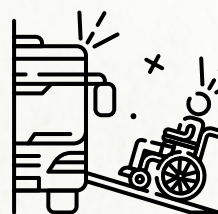
Tune in

Fernlea Community Care - Fernlea Respite Centres

Our respite centres are in full Spring mode with beautiful new growth in our garden. It's always wonderful when our guests can get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air and scents of new blossoms wafting through the garden. With Spring and Summer veggies within reach, our guests will be enjoying even more freshly grown produce in their meals. It's one of the things we pride ourselves in offering – healthy, nutritious, home-made meals lovingly prepared by our very talented chefs. The warmer weather also offers the opportunity for more outings, and we look forward to resuming day trips in the near future.

Transport is always a key priority for Fernlea. Many of our guests have mobility concerns and require extra assistance when it comes to travelling. We are currently looking for a vehicle with a wheelchair lift or someone who owns a vehicle with a wheelchair lift who might like to volunteer to pick up & drop off a client a couple of days p/ wk.

If this is you, we would love for you to get in touch. For some of our guests, visits to day respite are their only outings for the week and we do our best to ensure that our guests maintain this social connection.



Sarah Cole

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Sudoku

Fill 9 x 9 square with no repeated numbers in each line, vertically or horizontally.

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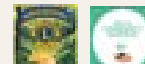
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Lynne Trensky, EDRA

Link to [Cardinia Heritage Plan](#)

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EMERALD NEWS

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Help us get the word out to our community. If you are interested in volunteering with the newsletter and building your skill base/resume contact us.

E: communications@emeraldvillage.org.au

We are looking for assistance across the production of Emerald News particularly in areas of:

- printing, reporting,
- photography, cartoons,
- puzzles.

Emerald Cemetery

Hi, we are a small group of volunteers who care for the graves at Emerald Cemetery in Macclesfield Road.

We are looking for assistance from the local residents to prune the roses and other work around the Cemetery.

We meet at the Cemetery on Mondays at 10am and work till 11.30am; then stop for a cuppa, biscuits and a chat.

If interested call:

Graeme Fergus

• Ph| 5968 5612

• M| 0437 543 515

Or just turn up. **Faye Robins**



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Apology: Inadvertently Emerald News used an advertisement for Top Cat Driveway in the September edition copyrighted to Star Mail. Top Cat Driveways and Emerald News apologise for that inclusion. We are grateful to the Star Mail for their goodwill and positive community focus as that error is addressed.

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Refreshments & all materials included.

Monday 20 October, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Supported by Get Online Week and Be Connected Every Australian online

SENIORS FESTIVAL EVENTS –

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Dementia Friendly Games Day

Take a trip down memory lane

Join us for a games morning for people with dementia and their carers. This will be a chance to relax, socialise, reminisce and have some fun. The morning will feature a variety of games tailored for individuals with dementia. We invite you to share some wonderful refreshments and a morning of laughter and camaraderie in a supportive environment.

Cost: FREE
Tuesday 21 Oct, 10.30am - 1pm

Laughter Exercises

Come and try something different and have some fun - 'laughter is the best medicine'

Laughter exercises can have great benefits to your wellbeing by reducing stress, anxiety and depression and is something you can practice at home.

Lots of fun and gentle movements.

Stay for a cuppa and bikkie afterwards.

Wednesday 29 Oct, 10.45 am- 11.45am
Cost: FREE

Carer's Morning Tea

Do you care for someone elderly, disabled or with a mental illness?

Join us for a morning tea celebration of the amazing job you do. A morning to relax and enjoy. There will be refreshments and entertainment.

Wednesday 15 October, 10am – 12pm
Cost: FREE

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Senior Safe Driver Expo

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Wednesday 22 October, 9.45am - 2.30pm **Cost: FREE (Includes light lunch and refreshments)**

Supported by vic roads Community Road Safety Grants and RoadSafe South East

Movement Snapshots

An introduction to the upcoming course Steady Strong and Stable. Come along to see if it's for you. Discover what's possible when you move well. We'll explore how your body moves right now and uncover small areas that may be limiting your confidence. Learn how tiny changes can lead to lasting improvements in balance, strength and mobility.

Tuesday 14 October

Group 1: 10am - 10.30am,

Group 2: 10.30am - 11am,

Group 3: 11am - 11.30am

Cost: FREE

Facilitated by Free to Move



Prostate Cancer Support Group

Support when you need it most

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1st Thursday of the month - 6 November & 4 December, 7pm - 8.30pm

Cost: FREE (Gold coin donation welcome)

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Primary focus will be on individual development of social skills in personal and real-life context.

At Outlook Community Centre

Wednesdays from 8 Oct- 10 sessions
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Sunday the 5th of October – 11am to 2pm

Fire Safety Presentation at 1pm

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EMERALD ARTS Society

2025 Annual Art Exhibition

1st Nov - 4th Nov

Venue: Hills Hub, Emerald

Entries close

Saturday 5th October

Delivery of Artworks

Thursday 30th October
2pm to 5pm

Official Opening

Friday 31st October
7.30pm

Art Show Dates

Saturday to Tuesday
1st Nov to 4th Nov
10am to 4pm

Collection of Artworks

Tuesday 4th November
4pm to 6pm

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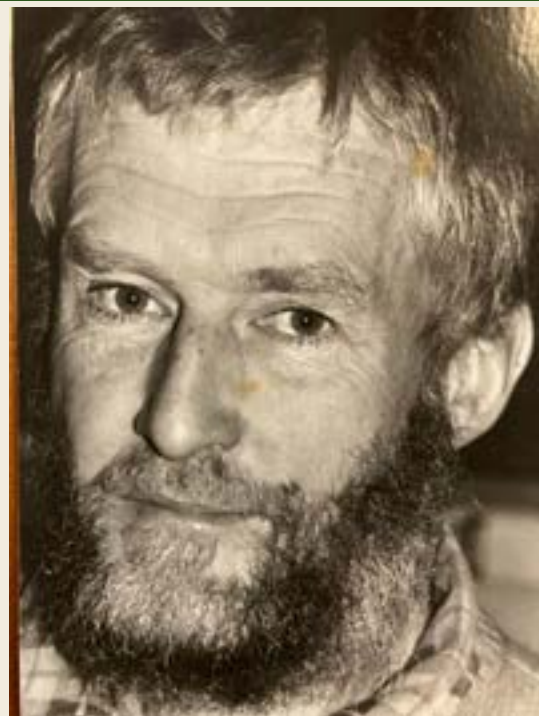
Paintings · Sculptures · Drawings · Prints
· Poems: **Stewart MacInnes (1937 – 2021)**

Stewart grew up in Camperdown, started law and medicine degrees, dabbled in advertising and illustration, and pressing wool in shearing sheds. In gardening work he found peace and in his art he found his true calling and purpose. Stewart's artworks often depict and explore the human form; abstract and organic, raw and sensuous, harmonising strength and softness.

A longtime local of the hills, Stewart lived in Emerald with his wife Carole, where they raised their four children. He rarely exhibited his work and never created to impress or please. For him, art was a lifeline - an honest expression sustained by need rather than recognition. His creations would 'paint themselves' Stewart used to say. Art remained for him a Private World of Mind. This exhibition brings together a wide-ranging selection of his paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, and poetry.



Stewart's family



Oil paintings, pen and ink drawings, wood and metal sculptures illustrate the depth and breadth of his talent in a variety of media.



Quotes from family

"Stewart once said 'Art is the key to my existence, and it carried me through.'

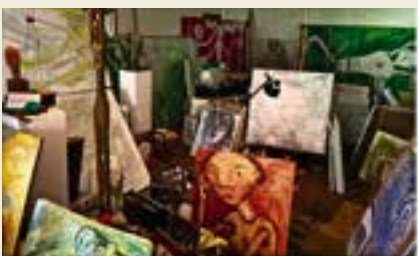
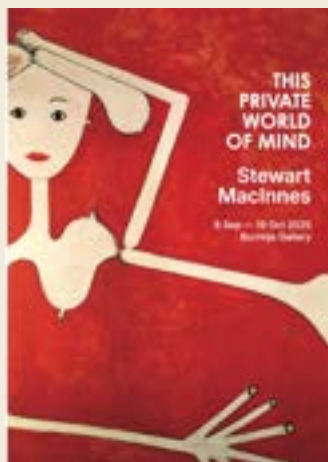
Cat said "We were so overwhelmed and thrilled to see so many people at the opening – it was a beautiful celebration. We think he would be proud and touched to see his work on display, and so many people enjoying it."

Carole says "In Stewart's final moments, we could only visit him one at a time, because it was in the midst of Covid. During my last visit, I told him that she wanted to exhibit his work, because we think he would have loved his work to be seen. I didn't realise until later, that each of the four kids had told Dad the same thing, unplanned, on their last visits with Stewart. That's when we realised we need to organise an exhibition."

The exhibition 'This Private World of Mind' opened on Father's Day, 7th of September and will run until October 19th.

The pieces are for sale, as well as books featuring Stewart's paintings and poems.

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Promotion at Community Bank Dandenong Ranges Emerald & District

Showcasing their new premises - THE BASE (Eastern Dandenong Ranges BASE) at 7-17 McBride Street, Cockatoo are EDRA, Hills Community Gardens, The Emerald & District Lions Club and the Hills Arts Alliance

The BASE is a vibrant hub for business, arts and community development, driving regional economic and cultural development; ideal for businesses looking for room hire, to hold meetings, as well as offering a self-service business station.



Bendigo Bank



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14 Bayview Road, Emerald
51 Macclesfield Road, Emerald
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3/4 Westlands Road, Emerald
10 Victor Road, Clematis
109 Emerald Monbulk Road Emerald
15 Deery Road, Emerald
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16 Cornish Rd, Emerald
115 Uren Rd, Emerald
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62 Kilvington Dr, Emerald
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8 Cherry Rd, Avonsleigh
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Information Map****Emerald Shopping & Community**

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Eastern Dandenong Ranges
Puffing Billy Country & Surrounds

Visitor Information
Touring Map



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BOARD DIRECTORS**

Emerald & District Co-operative Society Ltd (the Co-op) is seeking passionate, values-driven individuals to join our Board of Directors.

As a member-owned co-operative, Emerald Co-op exists to serve our community and has been a feature of Emerald and the surrounding district for many years. Our Board plays a vital role in guiding the strategic direction of the Co-op, ensuring strong governance and upholding our co-operative values.

The Co-op aims to ensure our Board has the right skills, experience and diversity to lead the organisation, we are seeking Directors who:

- Are committed to community-led, ethical, and sustainable business practices,
- Bring experience in governance, finance, strategy, risk, or community engagement,
- Are collaborative, curious, and willing to contribute to robust board discussions, and
- Reflect the diversity of our membership and community.

Ideally you will:

- Have prior experience on a board or governance committee,
- Skills in financial oversight, legal compliance, strategic planning, or risk management, of each month in the evening.
- Knowledge of the cooperative sector,



- Experience in stakeholder engagement or advocacy,
- Demonstrated commitment to co-operative values and community service,
- Ability to understand and contribute to board-level decision-making,
- Relevant qualifications in governance from AICD or the Governance Institute of Australia and/or willingness to undertake director training and ongoing governance development, and/or
- Availability to attend regular board meetings and participate in sub-committees as needed.

The Board currently meets monthly in person on the 4th Tuesday.

The appointment is from the AGM in November 2025 for a 2-year term at which point you may be eligible to stand for re-appointment at the AGM in 2027.

To submit your expression of interest for the role or for more information, please contact Mark Lock, Company Secretary on secretary@emeraldco-op.com.au

**Nominations close Sunday 19th
October 2025 at 11:59pm.**



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We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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BY EMERALD CO-OP MITRE 10 & FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

FRIDAY OCT
24TH AT 5:30PM

FOOD &
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PROVIDED



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Wednesday	Closed
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Friday	Closed
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Calendar of Events

Apologies for omissions/ errors- we
have worked hard to ensure details
are correct & inclusive

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 FROM 3RD - 19TH OCT AT GEMCO  	6 PRIMARY SCHOOLS SPEECH CONTEST AT MENZIES CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL EVERY MON 10-30AM VOLUNTEER AT EM CEMETERY. 	7 EVERY TUES 7PM ROTARY MTG @THE PARADISE HOTEL. SPEAKER TONIGHT IS MAYOR JACK KOWARZIK  1ST & 3RD TUES MTH 6-7.30PM CREATIVE HAVEN - CRAFT GROUP AT THE LIBRARY. (ALSO 1ST SAT MTHLY 12:30-2:30 PM)	8 2ND WED MTHLY @ 10 AM BOOK CHAT @ THE LIBRARY 6PM @ EM LIBRARY 'THE URBAN NANNA'  6 - 7:30 PM EVERY 2ND WED (FTNLY) - EMERALD WRITER'S COMMUNITY - WSHOP	9 2ND THURS MTHLY 4-5PM STEAM CLUB  FROM 10AM - 3PM EVERY THURS 11.15 AM-12NOON STORYTIME AGES 3-5 HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY ON 2ND & 4TH THURS MTHLY 7:30- PM HILLS HUB	10 11:15 AM - 11:45 - EVERY FRIDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS. TODDLER TIME @ THE LIBRARY 1-3 YRS CARDINIA BUSINESS LUNCH 11:30	11 10AM - 2PM LOST WOODS MARKET   SAFETY EXPO 1:30- 4:30PM AT HILLS HUB
12 EVERY SUNDAY 10 - 12NOON @ HILLS HUB ALABASTER CHURCH 	13 EVERY MONDAY "THE LYREBIRDS COMMUNITY CHOIR" ST LUKES C'TOO 7.15PM DURING SCHOOL TERMS EVERY MON 11.15 - 11.45AM BABY RHYMME TIME EM LIBRARY, 0-1YR  THIS PRIVATE WORLD OF MIND Stewart MacInnes SAT 6 SEP - SUN 19 OCT BURRUNJIA GALLERY	14 2ND TUES MTHLY 10-11 AM BOOK CHAT EMERALD LIBRARY  7PM ROTARY MTG @THE PARADISE , SPEAKER STEFANIE STRAUB CEO, PUFFING BILLY	15 EVERY WED 10AM- 3PM EMERALD MUSEUM OPEN  9:30 - 11AM EVERY WED PB TOY LIBRARY AT FERNLEA C/ HSE 	16 3RD THURS MTHLY 4-5PM IN SCHOOL TERMS. CREATIVE KIDS @ EM LIBRARY FELP MEET AT 9AM AT THE NOBELIUS PACK- ING SHED. A F/UP TO SUNDAY'S WKING BEE EVERY WEEK - ART IN THE PARK GALLERY IN THE OLD PB CAFE AT EMERALD LAKE. OPEN 11AM TO 4PM. THURSDAY - SUNDAY. 	17 EVERY FRI EVENING DURING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS, BAREFOOT BOWLS @ COCKATOO BOWLS CLUB 	18 8AM EVERY SATURDAY, PARK RUN AT EM LAKE  IT'S PARTY TIME PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 OCTOBER
19 9AM-11AM FELP WORKING BEE, MEET AT E/LAKE CARPARK 8.30-1.30 3RD SUNDAY MTHLY EMERALD PRODUCE MARKET  12- 3PM EVERY SUNDAY EMERALD MUSEUM OPEN	20 3RD MONDAY MTHLY 10AM, PROBUS MTGS AT EMERALD RSL	21 EVERY TUES 10-11:30AM ALABASTER CHURCH HILLS MEETS AT THE HILLS HUB  1ST & 3RD TUES MTH 6-7.30PM CREATIVE HAVEN - CRAFT GROUP AT THE LIBRARY. (ALSO 1ST SAT 12:30 - 2:30 PM)	22 4TH WED 10AM- MOVIE MORNING AT EMERALD LIBRARY 6 - 7:30 PM AT EM LIBRARY, EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY (FTNLY) EMERALD WRITER'S COMMUNITY WSHOP 7.30PM EMERALD AWARDS NIGHT AT HILLS HUB 	23 9AM-11AM FELP WORKING BEE, MEET AT E/LAKE CARPARK  4TH THURS MTHLY 4 - 5PM YOUTH WRITING GRP ONLINE EM LIBRARY HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY ON 2ND & 4TH THURS MTHLY 7:30- PM HILLS HUB EVERY THURS RSL CLUB EMERALD OPEN 5-10PM	24 EVERY WEEK ART IN THE PARK GALLERY IN THE OLD PB CAFE AT EMERALD LAKE. OPEN 11AM -4PM THURS-SUN.  6-8:30PM MIC DROP - YOUTH OPEN MIC! AGES 10-16 YRS AT SELBY COMM HSE	25 8AM EVERY SATURDAY, PARKRUN AT EMERALD LAKE 
26 10AM- 2PM EMERALD CFA OPEN DAY 9AM - 2PM GEMBROOK MARKET 4TH SUNDAY MTHLY 9:30 - 11PM EVERY SUNDAY PB TOY LIBRARY AT FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE 	27 	28 EVERY TUES 2 & 3PM TECH HELP ONE-ON- ONE @LIBRARY EVERY TUESDAY, RSL EMERALD OPEN 5- 7PM 	29 6 - 7:30 PM AT EM LIBRARY, EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY (FTNLY) EMERALD WRITER'S COMMUNITY WSHOP	30 9AM-11AM FELP WORKING BEE, MEET AT E/LAKE CARPARK  EVERY THURS 10.00AM -12.00 EVERY THURS, EM WELLBEING GRP @ FERNLEA COMM- UNITY HOUSE EVERY THURSDAY 11AM- 4PM SES BOTTLE COLLECTION	31  1 NOV 1ST SAT MTHLY 8:30-1:30 - COCKATOO COUNTRY MARKET,  1ST SAT MTH KALLISTA MARKET  1ST SATURDAY MTHLY @ GEMCO 7PM-11PM OPEN STAGE	
2  2025 Annual Art Exhibition 1st Nov - 4th Nov Venue: Hills Hub, Emerald	3 EVERY MONDAY "THE LYREBIRDS COMMUNITY CHOIR" ST LUKES C'TOO 7.15PM DURING SCHOOL TERMS 	4  	5 1ST WED SEP-DEC 2025. LIONS SOCIAL NIGHT @ THE BASE C'TOO.	6  1ST THURS MTHLY AT EMERALD LIBRARY 4- 5 PM LEGO CLUB 5TH JUNE) 1ST THURS MTH EMERALD LIBRARY 4- 5 PM LEGO CLUB	7 	8 EVERY WEEK ART IN THE PARK GALLERY IN THE OLD PUFFING BILLY CAFE AT EMERALD LAKE. OPEN 11AM -4PM, THURS- SUN. 

Platypus Spotting Belgrave Lake

**Next date: Saturday, 11 October
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Join Yarra Ranges Council for a platypus spotting session to learn about the platypus living in Monbulk Creek.

This session will include:

- history of the site
- introduction to platypus and the issues they face
- how to spot a platypus

Bring a chair and water/snacks. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and mosquito repellent for spotting time by the creek. This is a family-friendly event but does involve sitting and being quiet by the edge of the creek for some of the session. We will record our findings (including absence of platypus) on the [PlatyProject](#) site.

Saturday, 11 October 2025 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Location: Belgrave Lake Park, 35 Park Drive, Belgrave



Celebrating the Helmeted Honeyeater
Don't miss the Helmeted Honeyeater Community Celebration on **Thursday, 9 October, from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Holm Park Recreation Reserve**. This free event shines a light on the critically endangered helmeted honeyeater and the vital role of habitat restoration.



Attendees will enjoy an engaging presentation by Zoos Victoria, explore our vibrant Gardens for Wildlife display, and gather practical tips on making bird-friendly gardens at home. This is not just an event; it's a chance to connect with nature, your community, and help protect our feathered friends!

We warmly invite community members of all ages to participate in our engaging activities, which aim to foster a deeper understanding of our avian neighbours and their conservation needs.

Join us in celebrating the **Aussie Bird Count Week** and make a difference in **Cardinia Shire**. For more information and to register for the events, please visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/birdlife




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In 12th-century Pisa, Italy, the construction firm of Morrelli and Sons, whose members were all afflicted with a genetic disorder in which the left leg was considerably shorter than the right, began work on a new tower.

Photographs taken by Pauline van de Pavoordt in her garden over the years



The Eastern Yellow Robin is a small, plump robin, grey above and bright yellow below; dark grey in the area between the bill and eye (lores). The similar Pale-yellow Robin, also a rotund little robin, is olive above with grey head, yellow underparts, and white around the base of the bill. Both birds perch on low branches and on the side of tree trunks, from where they drop to the ground to capture prey. They inhabit forests of eastern Australia and their voice is a slow, repetitive whistle or a loud double whistle.

You'll only see two robins together when they are mating. They typically stay together for a single breeding season, raising one or more broods. While they form a pair bond for that season, they

often find a new mate each year, mainly due to their high mortality rate and migratory nature.

They love eating insects, worms, fruit and seeds, and are very loyal to their food sources. This species, native to eastern and southeastern Australia, tends to have a lifespan of up to 10 years, in comparison to smaller songbirds, which often live only 2-5 years. Most robins die from cats, hawks, and other predators. They also have fatal accidents such as flying into windows, getting hit by moving cars, being electrocuted, getting infectious diseases and being poisoned.



FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE Fernlea

TERM 4 CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Qigong

Monday weekly, from 06 Oct to 15 Dec 2025, 10:00 AM
11 sessions
Tutor - Genevieve Roche

Crochet skills

Monday weekly, from 06 Oct to 15 Dec 2025, 10:00 AM
Tutor - Liz d'Argent

Belly Dancing

Monday weekly, from 06 Oct to 15 Dec 2025, 7:00 to 8:30PM 11 sessions
Tutor (and queries) - Janelle Miller

Shared Reading

Tuesday, 21 Oct to 15 Dec 2025, 7:00 PM 8 sessions
Facilitator - Dorothy Scott OAM

Seniors - Strong and Supple

Tuesday, 07 Oct to 16 Dec 2025, 10:00 AM 10 sessions
Tutor - Kerry McGregor

Auslan - the next steps (intermediate) Lunchtime

Wednesday, 08 Oct to 17 Dec 2025, 12:30 PM
Tutor - Michelle Hughes 11 sessions

Auslan - the next steps (intermediate) Evening

Wednesday, 08 Oct to 17 Dec 2025, 7:00 PM
Tutor - Michelle Hughes 11 sessions

Study Like it's 1999

Thursday, 09 Oct to 18 Dec 2025, 4:30 PM 11 sessions
Study Group Tutor - Amanda Manypenny

Auslan for Beginners Evening

Wednesday, 09 Oct to 18 Dec 2025, 8:00 PM
Tutor - Michelle Hughes 11 sessions

Machine Sewing Plus - the next step for Beginners

Thursday, 09 Oct to 18 Dec 2025, 7:00 PM 11 sessions
Tutor - Caroline Spencer

Women's Wellness Art Therapy

Friday, 17 Oct to 21 Nov 2025, 1:30 PM 6 sessions
Facilitators - Wendy Bell and Melanie Wray

Mat Pilates

Friday, 24 Oct to 18 Dec 2025, 9:30 AM 9 sessions
Tutor (and queries) - Annette Barron

Shake your Tail Feathers - Therapeutic Dance Fusion

Saturday, 01 Nov to 13 Dec 2025, 10:00 AM 6 sessions
Facilitator - Nikki Thompson

Women's Somatic Breathwork Journey - Reset your Nervous System

Sunday, 02 Nov to 13 Dec 2025, 2:45 PM 6 sessions
Tutor (and queries) - Brooke Pearce

ONE-OFF WORKSHOPS

Natural Living

Tuesday, 14 Oct, 2025 - 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM - low-tox cleaning and skincare, Deb from L'ada Soaps & Scents

Men's Morning Tea

Saturday, 11 Oct 2025, 10:00 AM - In conjunction with Seniors Festival. Led by experienced group leaders.

Senior's dance workshop

Saturday, 11 Oct 2025, 2:00 PM
Facilitator Nikki Thompson

From Scraps to Soil: Composting & Worm Farming Workshops Part 1 Composting

Sunday, 26 Oct 2025, 10:00 AM
Facilitator - Christian Der Kinderen

From Scraps to Soil: Composting & Worm Farming Workshops Part 2 Worm Farm

Sunday, 26 Oct 2025, 1:00 PM

CPR/First Aid Certification

Tuesday, 28 Oct 2025 - CPR component 4:30 to 5:15PM
First Aid training 5:15 to 6:45PM (valid for 3 years)

Herbal Tea Blending Workshop

Sunday, 02 Nov 2025, 1:00 PM
Facilitator naturopath Kirsten Parkinson

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