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2025 EMERALD CITIZENS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Full report pp.22-3



ELIZA EMERALD YOUNG CITIZEN OF 2025



FERGIE EMERALD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



GROUP OF THE YEAR





Neighbourhood Watch Eastern Ranges held their October meeting at AWBEC Cockatoo. Our guest speaker was Katrina Herbert from Orange Door. Her presentation was informative and educational. Orange Door is an organisation that provides support and advice to families experiencing family violence.

Police report informed us of three burglaries - 1 each committed in Emerald, Cockatoo and Gembrook. The access was through unlocked doors. They reiterated the 9pm rule. "At 9pm lock up garages, cars and home".

The Community Safety Day held at Emerald Hub on 11 October was well received. The Police safe number plate screws was very popular.

Next Meeting is to be held at Emerald Police Station on 11 November at 6.30pm.
All Welcome to attend

You're invited to attend

NHW Eastern Ranges Meeting

Emerald Police Station

Where:
Main Road
Emerald

Tuesday
11th
November
6.30 pm

All welcome!

Want to become a Neighbourhood Watch Member?
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You have the right to feel safe in a relationship and in your home.

The Orange Door network is a free service for people of all ages and backgrounds to seek help and support for family violence, and families in need of support with the wellbeing and development of children.



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The Orange Door network works with the police to provide safe, quality, cultural and linguistic services. We are a community that we are all in. We are all in. We are all in. We are all in.

You're invited to attend

NHW Eastern Ranges Information Meeting

Menzies Creek

Where:
Menzies Creek Hall
1-3 Menzies Road
Menzies Creek

Wednesday
10th
December
2025

All welcome!

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Emerald Village Association - President's Report

The Emerald Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Graeme "Fergie" Fergus for taking out the crown this year. A wonderful life committed to the community. And The Emerald Lions Club for the Group award and Eliza Owen winning the Young Citizen of the Year award. All very worthy winners. Reports inside.

The night was also all about giving community groups the opportunity of telling Emerald what they were doing and plans for the future. We have an amazing community all providing volunteer services to help others live their life harmoniously in our township.

Neighbourhood Watch - Eastern Ranges

Still rocking along. An excellent meeting in October at AWBEC in Cockatoo where we learned about Orange Door - an organisation helping those faced with family violence. In November we venture into the Emerald Police Station for our next meeting. We have developed a very close relationship with the local police and this is an opportunity for residents to have a look inside and ask any questions they may have. After that in December we will venture up to Menzies Creek for an information night to get them started in the NHW program.

Another bumper edition of Emerald News. Chock full of interesting articles for Emerald. A big thanks to all the community groups for their contributions and a big shout out to all our sponsors. Please support them and buy local.



EVA is a member of the Community Newspapers Association of Victoria. Dona Martin and I attended the annual conference in Ballarat in October. An excellent weekend of networking and learning how other Victorian towns put their newsletters together. Full report inside.

Hidden Treasures

Showcasing local vineyards. Great success last year. On again this year - at the Hills Hub. Report inside.



On a personal note I was rather overwhelmed by the big turnout of friends and family at the RSL on October 5th. for my 80th birthday.. Photo here of family - Shan, Rich and Alex.

Peter Maloney

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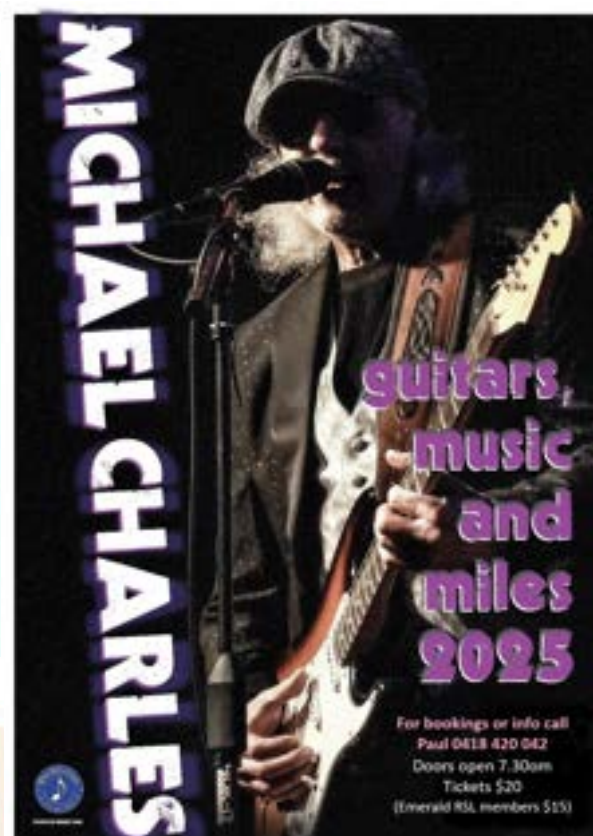
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- Promotion on our portable digital display.

This is an opportunity to spotlight your group, and to help your group connect more effectively with the community.



NOVEMBER Q & A

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3 Memorial Avenue Emerald, Victoria
FRIDAY NOV. 14, 2025



Lions Emerald and District

Our local club seems to be going from strength to strength. Not only are we thrilled at inducting new members, but are humbled at receiving the gong for Emerald Group of Year at the Emerald Citizens Awards night, Wed. 29th Oct. It's a great honour in our 50th year of service to Emerald and district. We thank EDRA for the nomination and send our congratulations to each of the nominees across all the categories.

Since last month we have been involved in cooking sausages at Mitre 10, conducted working bees to clean up residential and community business areas, and relocated our tool library out to the Base at Cockatoo. All in all, life is busy and we wouldn't have it any other way.

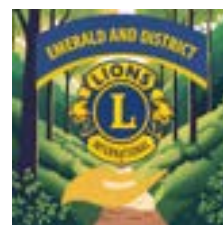
History tells us it is time to get in quick to secure your Christmas cakes and puddings, including gluten free options, which are once again out and ready for purchase. They are available at Cockatoo IGA, Emerald Mitre 10

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Take care and thank you again to all behind our Citizen nomination with special thanks to each of our community members – that's you, thank you for your support. We truly value the honour of holding the mantle of Emerald Group of the Year 2025.



Lions Administration



Drive
through
deposit
hours
Tue 5-
8pm
Thu
11am-4pm

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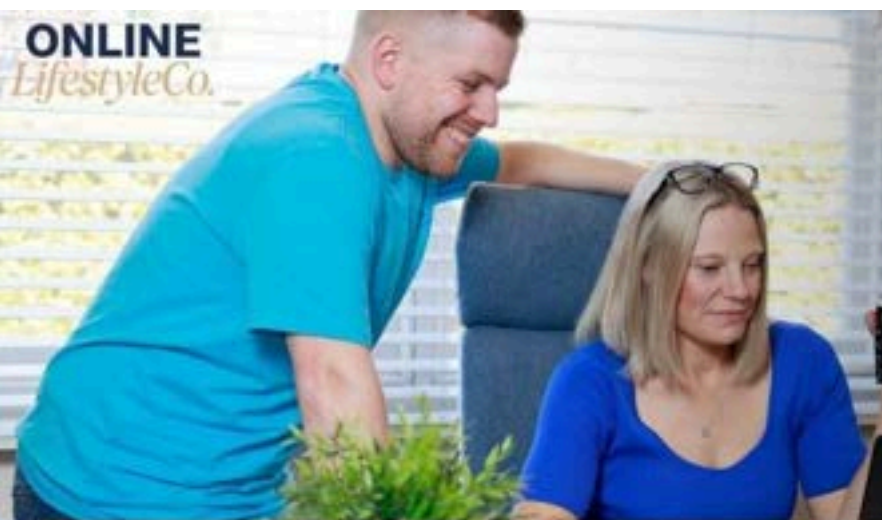
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107th Anniversary of Armistice

Trevor Budge

As we come up to the 107th anniversary of the 11th hour of the 11th month 1918, when an Armistice was declared to cease hostilities in World War One, we symbolically remember all Australian men and women who have fallen in all wars. I want to use this monthly column on heritage to recall and tell the story of three little known facts which highlight the tragedy and futility of war and the suffering it causes.

As the clock strikes 11 am on November 11 this year, spare a thought for US soldier Henry Gunther. If you search the internet for 'the last person to die in WW1' you will most likely come up with his name. He was killed at 10.59am! It was reported that just before 11.00 am "Gunther jumped up and charged the German machine guns. His fellow soldiers shouted for him to stop, as did the Germans. In fact, the machine gunners stood up and waved, urging him to turn around. Then, Gunther fired a shot. The Germans had no choice. They fired back in a five-round burst. One bullet struck Gunther in the left temple, and he fell to the ground. Those who were there swore that the rumbling of artillery stopped the very moment his body hit the earth." There is quite a back story – check out the reference at

<https://veteransbreakfastclub.org/the-last-man-to-die-in-world-war-i/>

Our second story is about the Outer Hebrides Scotland, a string of islands in one of the most remote parts of the British Isles and one of the most challenging climates anywhere. Prior to WW1 there were about 47,000 people living there. About 7,000 men left the islands to fight and about 1,500 were killed in the WW1.

Imagine the scene after the war on 1 January 1919 at 1.55am when the converted yacht 'lolaire' was crowded with men who had survived the war and were anxious to be reunited with their families and community.

Hundreds of family members lined the shore as the ship came into view. With a force 10 gale blowing the ship ran aground on rocks and sank only 20 metres from shore and about 1.5 kms from the harbour. Two lifeboats were launched but were smashed upon the rocks by the mountainous seas and as the ship heeled heavily to starboard, many jumped into the sea but were dashed against the rocks. Many of those aboard could not swim and those that could were hampered by their greatcoats and boots. By the time the first New Year's Day of peacetime dawned, 201 men had lost their lives, 181 of them on the very shores of the island they called home.



In Stornoway harbour, 280 illuminated columns are fixed on to the seabed, sketching the outline of the lolaire's hull: 201 of those columns have been lit in blue for those who died while 79 remain white for those who survived. Designed by Malcolm MacLean and Torcuil Crichton, the lighting effect on the artwork, named 'Sheòl an lolaire', Gaelic for "the lolaire sailed", changes as the tide comes in and recedes. An internet search will identify several short videos on the tragedy.

Photo below soldiers being vaccinated



Sources: [The Lolaire Disaster](#)

Our third story is another reminder that not everyone who dies in war is from enemy fire. It is often little reported, but it is believed that WW1 was the first major war in history where more men were killed in battle than had died from disease! Diseases such as tuberculosis, typhoid and dysentery killed thousands. It is estimated that about 2,500 Australian died from diseases in WW1. For instance, malaria killed 133 servicemen in WW1, 92 in WW11 (not counting Prisoners of War of which there were thousands) and two in Vietnam. That millions have died in war from disease. The US entered WW1 in 1917 and while 50,385 died in battle, respiratory diseases killed 46,992 US soldiers during the war, mostly from pneumonia and influenza.

What was widely called the Spanish Flu broke out during WW1, reportedly it started in military camps in the US, and it quickly spread as attempts to prevent the spread of the disease were unsuccessful, with quarantine and face masks not working and antiseptic gargles increasing the incidence of infection. It was misnamed Spanish Flu because details of the outbreak of severe influenza were suppressed in wartime censorship, and it was neutral Spain that released the news to the rest of the world and so it got wrongly labelled. The estimates of the number who died worldwide vary from 20 to 100 million. Over its course of two- or three-years, Australia experienced one of the lowest recorded death rates of any country during the pandemic. Extensive quarantining procedures were successful in slowing the spread of the disease into Australia, together with vaccines and masks once it arrived.

It is estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 Australians died (some were soldiers who had survived the war), not far short of the about 20,000 who have died from Covid in the last five years or so when our population is about 6 times what it was in WW1.

Lest we forget.

Trevor Budge



Emerald RSL



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. Please join us as we remember.

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 of 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. **Lest we forget.**

Poppy Appeal

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.

Upcoming gigs! Live music at Emerald RSL Tickets \$20 (Emerald RSL Members \$15)

- November 14th - Michael Charles
- November 28th – Paul Slattery & Unfortunate Sons playing the hits of Creedence Clearwater Revival
- December 19th - The 7.30 Thursdays

Doors Open 7.30pm For bookings or info call Paul 0418 420 042



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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



Registration Day

Expressions of Interest for 2026

Sunday 30th November

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Wreath Making Night

**Thursday 6th November,
from 6.30pm onwards**

*Bring a flower, stem, sprig or
gumnuts – any fresh, dried or
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laid at our Remembrance Day
Service, Tuesday November 11th**

Feel free to ask Tanya if you have any questions

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(Emerald RSL members \$15 ea)

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 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.

Olinka Edwards
Deputy Controller |
Community Engagement



3MDR's Big Gig

3MDR's Big Gig returns to celebrate 3MDR 97.1fm's 40th year of independent community broadcasting!

Come and join the celebration at Elevation Bar & Restaurant in Emerald on Saturday 15th November, where seven scintillating acts will rock your socks off!!

Playing live are: Geoff Achison, Michael Charles, Conquerer Root, Lloyd Spiegel Trio, Opelousas, Mast Gully Fellers, & The Ska Vendors!

Tickets are just \$40 for 3MDR subscribers & concession card holders & \$45 for non-subscribers.

Don't miss out on this day of live music - Saturday 15th November from 3pm at Elevation Bar & Restaurant in Emerald.

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**Tanya Stawitzki:****Don't forget to love a mouse****Exhibition statement:**

All the work in the show is interconnected by illustrating the relationships between endangered species, humans and the environment, focusing on the levels of empathy we show towards our environment and animals.

The 'mouse' on the diorama sets is not in fact an ordinary house mouse, nor a native mouse, but the small native marsupial Antechinus. They are often affected by pest control due to their likeness to house mice.

The artist poses the question: *Does the new generation care about the loss of species?*

As an eco-artist, Tanya hopes to change community members'

attitudes when they see a mouse in the house by encouraging them to ask the questions, "what kind of mouse is this? Is it a native?", rather than jumping to the conclusion that it must be a pest.

Artist biography: Tanya has been taking photographs since she was a teenager and her practice now includes Painting, Mixed media and furniture making.

Artwork credits: Tanya Stawitzki, 2025

Antechinus Information

Antechinus is a genus of small, carnivorous marsupials native to Australia, belonging to the family *Dasyuridae*. Due to their appearance, they are often mistaken for mice even though they are actually more closely related to Quolls and Tasmanian Devils.



Dates: Finishes Tuesday 11 Nov.

9:30am – 2:30pm, Mon-Friday

Entry: FREE

Hills Hub Art Space, Emerald

Antechinus VS Mice

The major difference in appearance is in the head. Antechinus have a much larger and pointier snout, and overall they are larger. Their body length can reach up to 165 mls with a tail approximately the same again.

Native animals are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972.

There are currently 15 recognised species of Antechinus. As with all marsupials, they are born relatively undeveloped and then nurtured within the mother's pouch.

Most species nest communally in tree hollows of all forests, woodlands and rainforests. Some inhabit grasslands.

Several Antechinus species are endangered, such as the Silver-headed Antechinus and Black-tailed Antechinus. Primary threats are habitat destruction, feral cats and the impacts of climate change, such as increased frequency and intensity of bushfires. Their unusual reproductive system is also an issue.



Tanya Stawitzki



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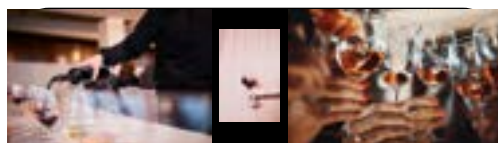
You might remember that last year, members of the U3A Wine Appreciation Course held a formal, sit-down wine tasting for the Emerald community called "Hidden Treasures". The idea behind the name was that much of our local community doesn't realise the quality of the wines produced in the Eastern Dandenong Ranges region – so we set out to show people just how good these wines are.

Recently, the U3A Wine Appreciation group visited one of the wineries in the Eastern Dandenongs that truly is a hidden treasure. *Hoddles Creek Estate is one of Australia's most-awarded wineries.* Run by the D'Anna family, this large vineyard sits aside the Gembrook Road and the Hoddles Creek. Planting began in 1997 and now some 20 ha of grapes are planted. Their fruit is processed in a modern, two-storey, 300 tonne winery - possibly the largest and best equipped in the Eastern Dandenongs.

Our visit was hosted by Franco D'Anna – one of four siblings currently managing the business. Franco is both a viticulturalist and a wine maker and very well versed to speak on the company, the region and the wines. Franco took us through the current vintages of their Chardonnay and Pinot Noir ranges – and we could see why these wines are so highly awarded. If you want an objective perspective, look up Hoddles Creek Estate in the current Halliday Wine Companion. Halliday speaks highly of

these wines. It was a real privilege to visit this winery as it is not open to the public. It was even better to hear Franco talk about the wines that he clearly loves. His passion for the wines and the region shone through.

It was a great night. My favourite wine? The 2024 Estate Chardonnay. Lovely citrus and stonefruit on the nose, nice fruit and acid on the palate and good length. **Russell Soderlund**



Emerald Men's Shed

Jewellery Boxes Crafted by Graeme of the Emerald Men's Shed.



Above: a selection of Graeme's jewellery Boxes available at the Emerald Men's shed

All boxes are either French polished or oiled and waxed.

French Polishing is a very old art and takes an enormous amount of time and effort to produce a product with a smooth, highly polished shiny finish. There are very few craftsmen remaining that have the knowledge that is required to produce a genuine French polished article.

Graeme's boxes have no screws or nails, which if used detract would from the final appearance. Typical size is 28 x 11x 18 mm deep.

The hinges and clasps are of an antique style and give a beautiful finish which highlights the French polish. The insides have a quality felt of various colours.

Graeme is also involved in the production of coffee tables featuring a river style epoxy resin which featured in the last edition.

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MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

Swamp- Who Murdered Margaret Clements?

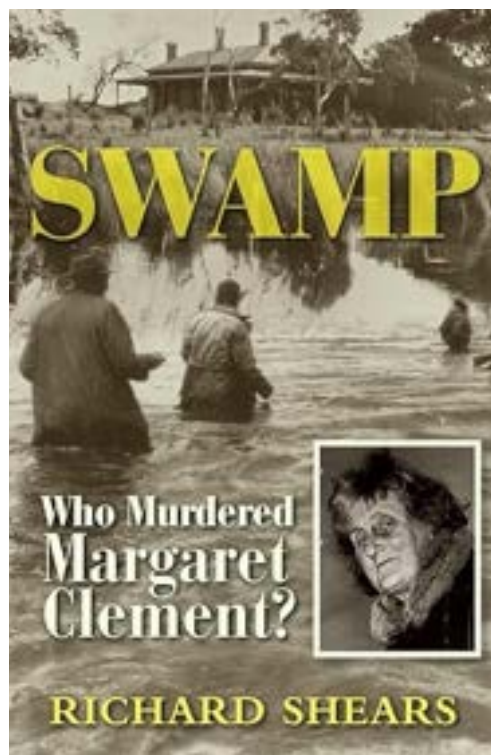
By Richard Shears

Many readers will have heard of The Lady of The Swamp. Last month U3A's Eucalypt Book Group thoroughly enjoyed this book and the ensuing discussion.

Tullaree is an Edwardian mansion located in Buffalo, thirty-three kilometres south of Leongatha. This was rich grazing land, well drained to protect from flooding by the Tarwin River. It was renowned in its 'hay day' for wonderful gala events hosted by two beautiful, wealthy sisters, Margaret and Jeannie Clement.

Jeannie and Margaret's father emigrated from Scotland and became one of Australia's richest men. Upon his death he left a small fortune to his children. Margaret and Jeannie were inseparable and when not socialising were travelling the world and whilst doing so amassing a large collection of furniture and artefacts worth an incredible amount of money.

Peter, their brother managed the property but was then called up to fight in World War 1. Upon his return he was in no state to run the property any longer and so the sisters put another in charge. Over the years the property fell into disrepair and the sisters began to accumulate great debt. Begging family members lasted for a period but the sisters became recluse. The Tullaree mansion fell down around them and the property, well drained before, began to flood as the drains filled with silt and debris.



Eventually the house was surrounded by water. Jeannie's health deteriorated and Margaret waded through waist deep freezing water, amongst snakes and debris to get supplies. Travelling many kilometres each way twice a week was no mean feat!

Eventually Jeannie died and Margaret fell out of favour with her nephew who wanted the property. He tried on several occasions to remove her from the property. Meanwhile a neighbour Stan and Esme befriended Margaret and Esme gave her food, clothes and company.

One day upon visiting Tullaree Margaret was nowhere to be found, despite many searchers experiencing such difficult conditions, she was never found. Years later bones were found on a housing estate which could not be verified and a bag was found buried in the sand on the beach at Venus Bay.

The book describes the court process and all the details in immense detail and I cannot in this brief review half explain the life that Margaret lived- you need to read this yourself.

Part of our history, this story whilst sad, is a must read!

Tanya Cooke

U3A Eucalypt Book Group



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Cockatoo Community Hall - Upgrade

Our Cockatoo Community Hall was built in 1981-2 and opened in 1982. Three months later our town went through the Ash Wednesday fires, and the hall was used as a relief centre with hundreds of CFA, emergency support and volunteers eating and sleeping in the hall. The comment was made by shire officers, at that time, that the hall had seen ten years of normal use in a matter of months.

The Catholic Church diocese raised and donated \$30,000.00, after Ash Wednesday, to build a purpose built building for the Cockatoo Seniors. This was almost solely built by Paul Allan, a local architect, who raised donations and personally built the hall. He was a member of the Cockatoo seniors at that time.

Other than upkeep, very little work has been done on the building since then. Our buildings are now close to 50 years old.

The Kindergarten has grown to such an extent, they now need to use the whole of the Bailey Rd Building with extended Kindergarten hours for our children.

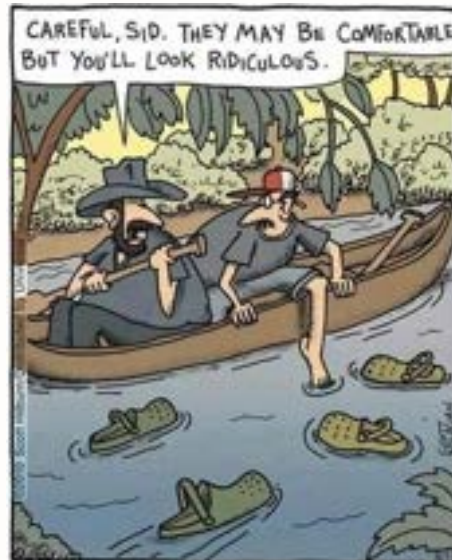
This means the Community house has needed to find another building to run their classes from.

A look around our community showed that the best building would be our community hall.

It is in the centre of town, allows for good parking and is under utilised. Shire applied for grants to be able to do the works at the Bailey Rd Building and to the Community Hall.

The Community Hall and Over 50's centre will be closed till at least December, and probably a little longer, whilst renovations take place.

For the Over 50's we will have a updated and freshly painted building and our members are looking forward to that.



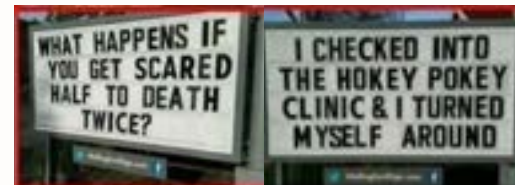
The renovated in and around the Main hall will house the market equipment and the hall will still be able to be used by community groups outside of Community house hours.

Whilst there is an inconvenience for the users of the hall, we are excited. Our building, that is showing signs of age, will be renovated and upgraded to allow for another fifty years of use by our community.

We are in what appears to be a Win Win situation, with Kindergarten hours and kinder facility improved, a Community house closer to town, with a upgraded Community hall and Over 50's centre and that the community will have access to its hall of evenings when the hall is used by community the most.

As the Over 50's, we were only notified of this move in the last month and shire has been open in what it is basically planning. Whilst we have had little input into the plans for the buildings they have bent over backwards, to accomodate all sessions we hold and the karate group, to relocate them whilst the renovations take place.

Next month we will try and get a copy of the plans so the whole community knows what is happening. **Dot Griffin**



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Knox Art Show

The Knox Art Show is run by the Rotary Clubs of Bayswater and Rowville-Lysterfield. Currently, it is a physical show as well as a virtual on-line show which runs from Friday November 7th to Sunday November 16th. The virtual show can be viewed on the website for Gallery 247, [Gallery 247](#)

The physical show provides an opportunity for local people to enjoy the cultural experience of viewing wonderful pieces of art in a range of media, including photographs and some interesting ceramic works. This year we also anticipate exhibiting works from young aspiring artists at Rowville Secondary College.

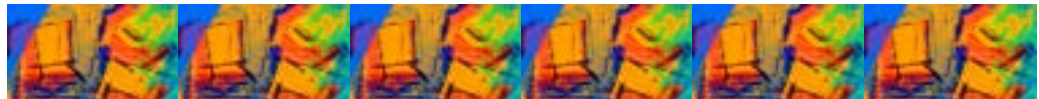
The Golf Club is a beautiful setting for the Art Show, ensuring a pleasant opportunity to browse each work. Profits from the show are directed to community organisations striving to make a difference in the lives of people suffering hardship. You are invited to come along and enjoy the creativity and talent on display.



Sue Jarvis
Noble Park Public Trust
First Prize



Sue Jarvis, renowned Gembrook artist, won the Noble Park Public Trust First Prize with her painting Oromo Woman. The exhibition was held at the Noble Park Community Centre Art Show.



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Emerald Museum Dairy Farming

On 18 October, the Emerald Museum joined local history groups celebrating the shared past of Casey and Cardinia regions at the annual Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival. Held this year at the Soldiers Memorial Hall at Nar Nar Goon.

The Museum's display at the Festival was related to the history of small dairy farming around Emerald.

The rich volcanic soils of the Emerald area led to the development of small mixed farms in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These farms usually included one or more dairy cows.

The labour-intensive work of making butter was undertaken by the female members of the household. It involved separating the cream from the milk. (Nothing was wasted. The left-over skim milk was mixed with pollard and fed to the pigs.) A butter churn was turned by hand until the cream formed into butter and a liquid residue (buttermilk). Salt was added and the

butter kneaded, then washed several times in plenty of clean, cold water until no buttermilk remained. The butter was then formed into pound or half-pound blocks using butter pats. All this had to be undertaken in a scrupulously clean environment.

The sale of surplus butter could provide a handy income for the farm if it could be got to market before spoiling. Refrigeration, when it became available, was expensive for small farmers. Hand-milking and small dairy herds continued well into the 20th century.

Guests at local guesthouses like the Cascades Guesthouse at the end of Telopea Road were sometimes given the opportunity to milk a cow – as seen in the photograph.

At the Emerald Museum, you can see artifacts related to the early dairy industry as well as a large range of other objects and documents.

There are scavenger hunts for children to make their Museum visit more interesting and fun.



The Emerald Museum is open on Wednesdays 10.00 am – 3.00 pm and on Sundays 12.00 pm – 4.00 pm – or by appointment.

The Museum has extended open hours on Sunday 16 November of 10.00 am – 4.00pm to coincide with the Annual Salvia Sale at the Salvia Display Garden at Nobelius Heritage Park.

Anne Carter



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Elderhood

I have just finished reading a fascinating book - Elderhood, by Dr. Louise Aronson. She divides life into three important and significant stages - childhood, adulthood and elderhood. The latter, she says, has been badly neglected. Much of the problem lies in the fact that our systems have been slow to acknowledge that we live so much longer. In Australia, average life expectancy in 1950 was a bit over 68. You retired at 65 and then you were close to the end of the road. You became old, and fairly soon after, you died. Today, average life expectancy is almost twenty years extra and for many of us it's even more. This "elderhood" is longer than childhood and sometimes almost as long as adulthood!

All levels of government - local, state and federal - are beginning to acknowledge the significance of elderhood. The month of October is designated Seniors Month, and our Councils are responding with a variety of opportunities to both inform and celebrate our later years. All phases of life are recognised with both Young a Senior Australians of the Year bookending the major Australian of the Year award.

In November of this year our aged care system is being rearranged to better account for the fact that elders will live longer and remain active if they can remain at home with necessary supports.

It's no longer a case of shoving grandma into a nursing home for her final years. There are simply too many years. Not only that, but many grandmas have also found their voice

and protest and resist the idea of being put out to pasture to quietly fade away, not making a fuss. We have started to make a fuss.

Our U3A is made up of elders who are grasping the opportunities of this third phase of life with both hands. We continue to deepen the knowledge and experience we have acquired so far, and we relish the chance to learn new things. But we still have a lot to do to truly empower elderhood.

Medications, for example, are not routinely tested specifically for elders, even though we know bodies change as they age. Packaging for medications has been changed to keep kids safe with child proof caps on bottles. We know, however, that there are many cases of elders not taking their medications because those child proof caps are also senior proof. Arthritic fingers with less strength than they once had are stymied and often give up.

In childhood we had the grownups to help with the things we could not quite manage. Mum helped with the tiny buttons and bows. Dad cooked dinner and made sure we ate mostly healthy foods. Someone drove us to the doctor. This was never looked on as charity. The child wasn't considered as somehow deficient, lesser. No, it was just what was done for us during childhood. It would be thought scandalous if a prosperous society didn't provide these things for us during our childhood.

What about during elderhood? How do we change a lightbulb when it's no longer safe to climb a ladder or legs just can't boost you up on that chair?

When the glare of headlights at night is just too much for safe driving, how do you get to the play or concert? When the body stiffens up a bit, how do you cut your toenails, do up your bra, change the bottom sheet, or a myriad other tasks that adulthood found so easy?

In childhood or adulthood, you might lose friends because they move away, you move to a new town or country, you change jobs. In both childhood and adulthood, you soon find new friends. In elderhood, your friends die. and while everyone hopes for a long life, no one wants to be left alone. How many elders are sitting in their living rooms wondering why the phone never rings, why they never get invited to someone's home for dinner, or just out for coffee? There's a very interesting movie showing at the local cinema, but how to get there and back if you can no longer drive at night? You've always wanted to visit Uluru, New Zealand or France. But how? Just getting to the airport seems as likely as climbing Everest.

We are doing better as a society. What were once just a handful of post-retirement years can now amount to decades. Many of us could live for four decades after retirement. That's almost equivalent to the years of adulthood and much more than childhood. Elderhood is no small thing. It is to be embraced, enjoyed and valued. Our society is a work in progress, always filled with unfinished business. Ensuring that elderhood is a time of continuing growth and enrichment is an ongoing task. We mustn't give up.

Pat Buoncristiani



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Planning, Tourism and Environment Sub-Committee Report

The Sub-Committee is looking forward to a busy year. Many of the items we have been advocating for a long time will be on the agenda with some action at last by Council. We must especially thank Cr David Nickell who has pushed hard at Council and got some long-standing items into Council's budget.

There is action at last on a new Emerald Township Strategy (the current Strategy is 17 years old!) – we will be pushing to work closely with staff undertaking the work. We will see some early action when several of us attend a briefing in early November on the traffic count and parking survey results. Data has been collected for Emerald, Cockatoo, Gembrook and Upper Beaconsfield. After the briefing representatives from the four communities will be meeting to discuss common issues.

Council is funding a Northern Areas Green Wedge Management Plan – the only area on the metropolitan fringe which does not have a plan. We will be strongly advocating that there be no further expansion of Emerald's town boundary and that any further subdivision of farmland be restricted; not only to maintain landscape and environmental benefits but to limit the growth of through traffic in Emerald.

Council is undertaking a high-level review of the Shire's Planning Scheme. There is an open forum for all residents on Wed 5 November at the Hills Hub with Council staff 11.30 to 2.30.

A number of the Sub-Committee will be attending to talk through a range of issues we want to see addressed including; traffic, parking and the Mixed Use Zone on the northern side of Main Street; speed limits particularly on main roads; tourism management and development; better environmental management; sealing of priority roads; greater focus on safety and walkability in the town centre; and recognition of how the Hills communities have distinct needs around issues such as fires, storms, drainage, road access, traffic, power supplies, phone coverage and emergency management.

Council will be conducting a limited review of the Emerald Lake Precinct Masterplan. The EVA has been advocating for this particularly in the light of the closure of three long standard tourist attractions and the emerging budget shortfall. The EVA is pushing hard for the whole area to be recognised as a major attraction given that Puffing Billy Railway is bringing over 400,000 tourists, many of them international to the precinct each year – funding cannot be reliant purely on Cardinia Shire ratepayers.

The sub-committee continues to press for better planning for the Emerald railway station precinct, the Puffing Billy playground redevelopment, the 'missing section' in the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail, and the overall improvement in presentation, appearance and facilities in this part of the town centre.

Trevor Budge
Chair – Planning, Tourism and Environment Sub-Committee



Annual Art Exhibition



Best In Show

At the Annual Emerald Art Exhibition held at the Hills Hub on Friday night, Cheryl Grant won the "Best in Show" for her painting entitled "Resting Ballerina".

Cheryl Grant has been in the local "Arts Community" for 60 years.

Cheryl has always been creative and has a love of gardens and art.

Her father bought land for the local children to enjoy their ponies and for them to learn to look after their horses. This area went on to be the art group 35 years ago. Cheryl and her friends still meet there.

Congratulations Cheryl.

Next month we will feature all the awardees of each art category.

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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

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Or just turn up. **Faye Robins**



One more!
23rd Nov.

Save them to your calendar now

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Robert Kerry Champness

Kerry was born in Kaniva in 1940. He attended the local school and then boarded at Scotch College in Adelaide. Scotch had a farm attached, something that gave him a great start to his farming career. His family operated a large sheep and cropping operation for many years, mainly on the farm, "Mygunyah", established by his grand-father in 1888.

His engagement with the local community saw him elected as the representative for the Victorian Farmers' Federation on VLine Board of Management in 1981. This required his attendance at monthly meetings of the Wheat Board and Grain Elevators board, and saw him guest speaker at many district service clubs. He was instrumental in improving fire fighting strategies, giving evidence to Victorian Bushfire Review Committee and encouraging fire trucks to change from petrol to fire-safer diesel engines.

In the early '80s, Kerry joined the Kaniva Rotary club and became involved in the student exchange program, eventually joining the District Council for the Rotary Exchange Program.

Kerry and his wife Cherry, an Art teacher at Kaniva HS, hosted many overseas students, and both their children spent a period overseas on exchange.



In 1996, as neither of the children were going to be farmers, they decided to sell up and move to Macclesfield and start a B&B. 1998 saw Kerry buy the Cockatoo School Bus and for many years helped local organisations with transport - Rotary, Senior Citizens, Emerald Glades, church groups and more.

Kerry joined Emerald Rotary Club, becoming President in 2004.

Although much smaller than it is today, the club was very active, as it is still.

To mark the centenary of Rotary International in 2005, the "Welcome to Emerald" installation, designed by Russ Nielson and his daughter, was erected. With some help from John Shaw, Kerry built the railway trolley you can see in the background - a nod to Puffing Billy.

In 2007 he was made a Paul Harris Fellow, a recognition of service to the Rotary organisation, and in 2016, a Pride of Workmanship award.

Kerry is now one of the most senior members of Emerald Rotary Club.



Kerry Champness – photo at Seniors Lane portrait exhibition



Rotary Club of Emerald and District



October was kicked off with daylight saving on Sunday 5th October with the walking group taking on the challenge of the Lysterfield Lake Granite Walk. Commencing half an hour earlier than normal Sunday walks to avoid the hot weather promised plus the loss of daylight savings 1 hour was a shock to the systems. All this is in aid of a few of us being at peak fitness to attempt the "3 Capes Walk" in Tasmania at the start of December. The Rotary group of 16 will spend 4 days taking on this challenge, bonding and having fun – I hope!



We continue to support the MacLeod Murphy Medical Scholarship. For 34 years Dr Murphy provided medical care in Emerald, working seven days a week travelling all over the hills. In 1981 at the age of 76 years, still working, Dr Murphy suffered a heart attack and died at home.

A public meeting was held in October 1981 to set up a memorial fund in his name, to provide financial support for local students who were studying in the medical profession. This is a living memory, the finest tribute a community can pay to a dedicated man." The annual "Dr Murphy Memorial Scholarship." In June we sponsored Jaicob Barrot to assist with his medical studies and this month we have sponsored Nicholas Adams to assist with his medical studies.

Our first October Club meeting should have had our very popular Mayor Jack Kowarzik attend. Jack has supported Rotary over the last few years, including being a guest of honour at our Debutante Balls. Due to unexpected circumstances Jack had to postpone, so instead our speaker coordinator Anna organised an impromptu Rotary centric Trivia session with a few curly questions – when did Rotary commence and how many countries still have Polio? And who knew that only 2 Aussies mammals lay eggs (the platypus & echidna) and that the Emu and Kangaroo feature on our bank notes because they are uniquely Australian native animals that represent a nation moving forward, as neither animal can move backward easily!

The following week we welcomed the new Puffing Billy CEO Stefanie Straub to our meeting and it was interesting to hear her background – born and raised locally, down to earth and involved in so many areas of our local Community. Rotary partners with Puffing Billy on many occasions and the next event coming up will be the Rotary Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy on Sunday 30th November. Hopefully you already have this date in your calendar.



Rotarians support "Lift the Lid" for mental health and on Tuesday 7th October we selected the theme "Hat Day" to support the cause by us all wearing silly hats and donating \$340 to the mental health cause.

At this same meeting we inducted our 6th new member since July – Jacqueline Forsythe to the Club. Jacqueline teaches at Emerald Primary School and has been actively involved with our new EarlyAct group for pupils at the school.

During Seniors Week it was an honour to have one of our members Kerry Champness included in the Portrait Exhibition "In the Senior's Lane" organised by Paul Bianco at Fernlea Community House 13th – 27th October. Kerry has been a member of the Club for 24 years and has a wealth of knowledge about Victoria, Emerald, and Rotary. He has been a President and Paul Harris recipient. 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:

Sun 30th November Rotary Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy at Gembrook
Tue 2nd Dec Dorothy Gilmour SAFE
Sat 13th Jun 2026 Rotary Debutante Ball at Cathies Lane Receptions

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Fernlea Community House Ladies on the Tools — A Community Workshop That Nailed It!

Last week, Fernlea Community House was buzzing with energy, laughter, and the sound of power tools as we hosted our very first Ladies on the Tools workshop. This special event was a collaboration between Fernlea Community House, Mitre10 Emerald Co-op, Stanley Black & Decker, and the skilled team from Build One Design and Construction. Together, we created a supportive and empowering space for women of all ages to build practical DIY skills — and confidence — with tools many had never used before.

Over the course of the workshop, participants were guided through hands-on activities, from safe tool handling and measuring techniques to using drills, saws, and sanders. The Build One team provided patient, practical instruction, while Mitre10 Emerald Co-op and Stanley Black & Decker ensured everyone had access to quality equipment and expert advice.

One of the highlights of the day was the collaborative construction of a new compost bay for our permaculture garden workshop space. Everyone contributed — measuring, cutting, drilling, holding things steady — and it was inspiring to watch the structure (and the confidence) grow step by step. By the time the final screw was fastened, the sense of pride in the room was unmistakable.

Ladies on the Tools wasn't just about learning to build — it was about breaking down barriers, fostering independence, and strengthening connections in our community. We are deeply grateful to all our partners for helping make this event possible, and to every participant who brought enthusiasm, curiosity, and courage to the day.

From the success of this first workshop, it's clear there is a growing appetite for practical skills-building opportunities like this. Stay tuned — more sessions are already being planned



Kerry McGregor & Miso



off the mark.com by Mark Parisi



BELL REAL ESTATE

A group of nine people, seven women and two men, are posing for a group photo in an office setting. They are arranged in two rows, with some standing and some sitting on a grey couch. They are all dressed in professional business attire.

Think COMMUNITY Think **BELL**

News from the Western Front

Local identity, Matt Cocks, past Vice President of the Emerald RSL, and for many years, the MC at Emerald's Anzac Day services, is currently on a pilgrimage to the western front in France where many of our Emerald men served and died during WW1.



Matt sent these photos of our men's names on the memorial there. Where bodies were found graves and head stones were laid. If not their names were noted on the huge wall of remembrance.

When our Anzac Place was built, the RSL researched all 34 Emerald men who died of the 100 who went to war. These stories are found on the audio trail that starts in town and finishes at Anzac Place.

To listen to their stories click here:

Anzac Walk Audio Trail



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Reflect for a Moment

24-year-old Charlie Barnes was fighting alongside his brother 30-year-old Harrie when they were killed by a shell explosion. The other soldiers buried the brothers in a shell hole on the battlefield and in that instant, their sister Lucinda was left the lone family member. Back in Australia, Lucinda, and Charlie's fiancé Elsie Muir werewaiting. All that was left was to tell them that their boys were dead.

An Emerald mum and dad lost their two boys on that day - just like that.

Lest We Forget.

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**A message for the Emerald Citizen of the Year Awards from
Daniela De Martino,
State Member for Monbulk.**

Greetings from Parliament!

I am truly disappointed that I cannot join you tonight in celebrating the Emerald Citizen of the Year Awards - an event that shines a light on the incredible people and groups who make our community so special.

Emerald is more than just a beautiful place; it's a vibrant, caring, and resilient community. I can think of nothing better than honouring the individuals and groups who embody those values through their dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts to make life better for others.

To the award recipients - congratulations on being recognised by your community for your outstanding contributions.

To all those who are not receiving an award tonight - know that your work is just as important. You've all strengthened the fabric of our community in many ways that will resonate for years to come.

Being active and involved in community life is one of the most powerful things we can do. Whether it's volunteering, mentoring, organising events, or simply showing up to support one another each and every action matters. It's how we build connection, resilience, and joy.

I want to thank the Emerald Village Association for hosting these awards and for everything you do to nurture community spirit. Your work is deeply appreciated.

Let tonight be a reminder of the power of community and an inspiration to us all to stay involved, stay connected, and keep building the kind of community and future we want to see.

Congratulations to all the award recipients. You are the heart of Emerald, and we celebrate you with pride.

Warmest wishes to you all - enjoy the festivities!



Emerald Citizen of the Year 2025



We celebrate and honour a remarkable individual whose quiet dedication has left a lasting mark on our community — Mr. Graeme “Fergie” Fergus.

25 years ago while attending the funeral of a friend at the Emerald Cemetery, he noticed a grave overgrown with blackberries. The next day, he returned — tools in hand and determination — restoring that resting place to its former dignity. That grave belonged to Nurse Myrtle Ivy Quicke, a pioneer who helped establish the Bush Nursing Centre in Cockatoo. A month later, Graeme saw flowers placed on her grave — a quiet sign that his act of care had rekindled remembrance. From that single gesture, a movement began.

Graeme continued his work, joined soon after by his wife Shireen. Together, they inspired others to lend a hand, and so was born the Friends and Carers of Emerald Section — a group built on service, compassion, community, and respect.

Graeme has been a pillar in many corners of community — from Life Member of the Rowville Football Club to the Victorian Amateur Boxing League, Rowville and Emerald Golf Clubs, Neighbourhood Watch, and countless other initiatives.

We recognise and thank him. We celebrate him. And we remind ourselves that one person, with a heart full of care, can spark a ripple that touches generations.

Graeme, on behalf of all of us — we thank you.



Graeme 'Fergie' Fergus - with proud family.

**Young Citizen of the Year - Eliza Owen
nominated for her work at the Emerald
State Emergency Service (SES).**



Even before officially joining the CFA Juniors and the SES, Eliza demonstrated extraordinary commitment during major emergency events. Here are some examples:

- June 2021 Storms: Eliza assisted in supporting logistics and providing welfare to over a hundred volunteers from SES and partner agencies.

- October 2021 Storms: Despite her own home in Cockatoo being destroyed by a fallen tree, Eliza assisted in running our Incident control room prioritising all the requests for assistance and delegating clean-up efforts across the Dandenong Ranges, showing resilience and selflessness in the face of personal loss.

Eliza also made significant contributions to the Emerald Fire Brigade's Juniors program.

On her 15th birthday, Eliza became a signed Junior Member of the Emerald SES. After active involvement in the 2022–2023 Storms and Floods Eliza received formal recognition for outstanding service to the State of Victoria. Then when the Feb 24 storm hit with no other members able to get to the SES facility as all roads were blocked, Eliza and one other SES member attended a call. Eliza provided navigation and operated the radios showing all her years of training, skills, resilience and the ability to work under extreme pressure. They extricated the patient and successfully handed the patient over to Ambulance Victoria.

Eliza is a valued member of the Emerald SES and Emerald Community. The award is testament to Eliza's professionalism and dedication to her community.

Lions Emerald & District Group of the Year



Emerald and District Lions was chartered 50 years ago - 1975-2025.

Over that time, it has offered much to the local communities.

A short list of recent achievements:

At individual level projects range from clearing up yards after a storm event, providing residents access to power generators, supporting local schools with funds to ensure all children attend school camps and they have cooked an endless number of sausages.

At Town level they provided and installed a large generator for Emerald Fernlea Respite Care facility.

At community level, they support St Lukes and Fernlea Food Banks, provided manpower and funding to help establish the new EFRA Base at Cockatoo, assisted Emerald News in purchasing a laptop computer, and backed the Eastern Ranges Neighbourhood Watch group gain a foothold. In May for National Volunteers week the Lions fully sponsored a Volunteer Expo, here at the Emerald Hub.

The Lions take their civic responsibility seriously. Constantly working to demonstrate strong ethics, offer leadership, and encourage others to build personal responsibility and trust.

A service club to be proud of.

**Other nominees we proudly celebrate and
thank for their service to our community:
Mathew Greenaway, Sarah Cole, and
GEMCO Dandenong Ranges One Act Plays**



**Shelley Beardshaw brought the house down insisting we all
stand like kids in her playgroup and do "Itsy Bitsy Spider"**

Woorilla Poetry Prize 2025

The Annual Woorilla Poetry Prize Gala event will be held on Sunday, November 16th at 2pm in the Hills Hub

The Woorilla Prize has grown over the years from a small local prize to one of the major literary prizes in Australia.

This year the Prize has broken all records with more than 900 quality entries received, not just from across Australia but also from overseas; Spain, UK, USA India.

Shortlisted and winning poets will be announced by our judges at the hybrid presentation event.



Judges Andy Jackson & Gayelene Carbis

This year we are honoured to have Andy Jackson as judge for the Judith Rodriguez Open Category and Gayelene Carbis returns to judge the Louise Rockne Youth Section.

Keynote speaker is Alicia Sometimes well known for her weekly appearances on radio and for her latest collection, Stellar Atmospheres where she turns science into poetry.

Victorian Slam Poetry Champion, Aloma Davis will read judges' selection and perform some of her own work.

For those who may have been sadly inoculated against enjoying poetry by bad school experiences it may come as a surprise that poetry today is relevant, vibrant. It comes in many forms and is enjoyed across the generational divides.

Nor is the afternoon confined to just poetry. There is a great line up of entertainment. We will hear music from Rebellion Bird, a duo featuring singer-songwriter Erin Downie and virtuoso guitarist Nico Distefano. Through music that is as much social activism as it is reason to dance, Rebellion Bird has crafted a sound and presents songs that resonate with a wide and growing audience.

And there will be a very special drop-in bush ballad performance from Mel and Susie who will say G'Day from Lightning Ridge.

The catering has been organized and will again be brought to you by our master chefs.

So if you are lucky enough to live in Victoria, join us for an afternoon of poetry, music and delicious refreshments.

Alternatively join online from your sofa if you are unable to attend. The event will be streamed live on our Facebook page for those who are too far away to be there.

Register to join the event either online or in person. Registration prices are a donation and vary depending on what you can contribute from \$0-\$100. Regardless of the price you select you will get the same quality presentation, comments from the judges, entertainment and selected readings of shortlisted poems and more.

The bonus with the higher priced tickets is that you'll receive a warm, fuzzy feeling and deep gratitude from the small volunteer organizing committee as your contribution will help maintain this competition into the future.

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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.



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.

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

On behalf of Cardinia Shire Council

PUFFING BILLY

Puffing Billy Railway is excited to announce the return of last year's experience under the stars; Twilight Trains, operating on selected Thursday evenings from 9 October 2025.

Offering a 3.5-hour return journey from Belgrave to Lakeside, the Twilight Train is perfect for those looking to experience the charm of Puffing Billy at dusk. Passengers can take in breathtaking views of the Dandenong Ranges while sitting on the carriage sill*, their legs dangling, as they travel to the Lakeside Visitor Centre, surrounded by the soft, fading light of the day.

Once at Lakeside, passengers can relax at the Railway Café, where a full menu and drinks bar featuring a selection of local beers, wines, and ciders are available before the return journey. Alternatively, beat the queue by pre-ordering a grazing box or classic scones and tea to enjoy at your leisure.

Visitors to the centre can also explore the gift shop, delve into the Lakeside Hall Museum, home to a collection of expertly curated railway artefacts including Puffing Billy Railway's very first locomotive, 3A, or wander through the picturesque Emerald Lake Park precinct.

When it's time to return, passengers will once again soak in the magic of steam train travel and the serenity of twilight descending over the lush landscapes at a time of day rarely offered to the public.

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Hidden Treasures of the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Nov 22

Do you enjoy good Australian wine? Do you believe in provenance?

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It is remarkable that the Eastern Dandenong Ranges has so much to offer and in some instances local residents are not aware of what is available, virtually at your doorstep. For many, the Yarra Valley wine region appears to begin at the Warburton Highway. There is however, a thriving industry of grape growers and winemakers much closer than that, who are using local fruit and grapes from other Australian regions, crafting fine Australian wine. On 22nd Nov, Hidden Treasures will be featuring the wines of four wine-

makers, with twelve wines in all to be tasted. The 1st flight will include Sparkling and chilled Reds. The 2nd flight is Whites and then the Reds.

The featured winemakers are:

- Tillie Johnston, Tillie J Wines (Hoddles Creek)
- Rob Ihle – Relm Wines (Wandin),
- John Wall – Emersleigh Estate (Emerald)
- Ralph Zuccaro – 6 Acres (Silvan).

Bottled wine sales will be available at the end of the tasting. In addition to tasting great wines, cheese & charcuterie boards will be served to compliment the wines and a string quartet will perform to add to the ambiance of the evening. The Gardner Grove Quartet have been performing in and around Melbourne for many years, this will be their first appearance in the Eastern Dandenong ranges.



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Hidden Treasures of the Eastern Dandenong Ranges, Nov. 22 Emerald Hills Hub, 400 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald, 5:30 start.

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Sustainable Makers Market

Expression of Interest

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All staff are welcome to participate, we just ask that items sold meet at least one or more of the below criteria:

- Homemade or handcrafted from natural materials (wood, wool, paper, cotton, glass, ceramic etc.)
- Low waste (repaired, upcycled or repurposed).
- 'Local' items that celebrate Aussie flora and fauna.
- Reusable, long-lasting, alternative to disposable item.

Market Details:

Date: Tuesday 25 November

Location: Council Chambers, Civic Centre

Time: 12:30pm - 2pm

If you'd like to join us, fill out the EOI form by Monday 10 November.



For more info, contact **Annie Goodes** or **Kate Witherby**

**ART IN THE PARK,
Emerald Lake 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.

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at the
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An Initiative Turns Home Security into a Community Asset



When I left my role as a Victoria Police detective after years at the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, I knew there had to be a better way to solve crimes using technology. That's why I founded the Safer Places Network – Australia's first national register of security cameras and dashcams.

The concept is simple but powerful. Residents and businesses voluntarily register their CCTV locations (not the footage) on our secure platform.

When crimes occur, police can quickly identify nearby cameras and request footage directly from owners -

cutting investigation times from days to potentially minutes. Currently, Victoria Police can spend up to 6 hours per investigation doing door-knocks to find CCTV.

With crime up 18% this year, that's roughly 900,000 personnel hours annually – about \$200 million in productivity costs. Our privacy-first approach means no footage is stored on our system. Camera owners maintain complete control and only share footage if they choose to when police request it. We've partnered with Neighbourhood Watch Victoria and already have over 22,000 cameras registered nationwide.

Registration is completely free at saferplaces.com.au. By working together, we can make Emerald Village and surrounding communities safer, one camera at a time.

David Bartlett, Founder & CEO



**Turn your
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**Puffing Billy
Toy Library
now located at
Fernlea Community
House**



Friends of Emerald Lake Park

Friends of Emerald Lake Park was funded in 2024 to tackle invasive exotic weeds and regenerate native vegetation in the C1 and H3 sections of Emerald Lake Park. An area down hill from Superman Corner along the Nobelius Track. The zones are a mix of indigenous vegetation, remnant exotic trees from the Nobelius nursery era, and large weed species.

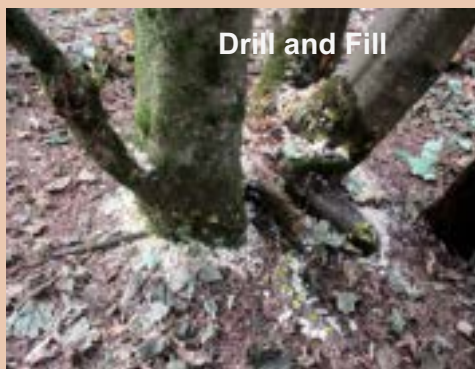
The project plan identified the specific sections for action across autumn and spring of 2025. It included specialist contractor work to cut, drill and poison invasive weeds including cestrum, holly and sycamore maple, and then community work to replant the area with indigenous species.

Revegetation by Friends of Emerald Lake Park (FELP) and Cardinia Shire Council (CSC) will provide canopy and middle storey trees to enhance the site recovery. More planting will take place next autumn. Regular maintenance work by the Friends over the next few years will stimulate the habitat for native plants, birds and animals. Walkers and Puffing Billy passengers will enjoy an improved view of the local environment.

The first stage of revegetating the site occurred in October where volunteers from Aligned Leisure assisted FELP volunteers. 100 trees were planted with the support of the Cardinia Council rangers. The Friends of Emerald Lake Park look forward to working with Aligned Leisure when more planting takes place next Autumn.

Interested: We'd love to welcome you to the group.

The FELP Committee



Working bees in November

Sat Nov 1 Meet 9am Lakeside Carpark - plant grasses along creek side of Wishing Well Track.

Sun Nov 9 Meet 9am Lakeside carpark - trim, tidy and weed the garden areas around the Lake

Thu Nov 20 Meet 9am Lakeside carpark continue trimming, tidying and weeding gardens around the Lake

For more information about what we do and how you can help, email us at friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com



**President,
Nangana Landcare Network INC**

A Foundation for the Future

Source: Jenny Lyndon

Alan Clayton, President of Nangana Landcare Network and former President of Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater said: "The C411 COUNTRY project is a coordinated, landscape-scale



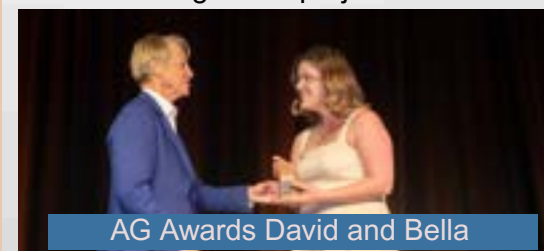
From 71 applications and 21 finalists, five projects across Australia have been recognised in the 2025 Australian Geographic Nature Awards. Nangana Landcare Network has taken Silver for its C411 Country - Saving Faunal Emblems project.

The award celebrates years of community-driven conservation to restore habitat for Victoria's critically endangered Helmeted Honeyeater and Leadbeater's Possum. Building on the Beyond Yellingbo project, which unites more than 120 landholders to restore habitat on their own properties, this next phase will engage 20 more properties and kickstart the design of atwenty-year ecological and cultural recovery plan: C411 COUNTRY Natural Capital for Generations.

Zoos Victoria's Threatened Species Program Co-ordinator Arabella Eyre said the award "honours decades of community, science and landholder collaboration."

President Alan Clayton added: "It's proof that local people, working together, can lead a landscape-scale response to biodiversity loss and climate change."

The next stage of development is a Foundation for Natural Capital to bring critical funding to the project.





FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Fernlea Receives Vital Grants to Support Carers, Strengthen Emergency Communication, and Raise Dementia Awareness

Fernlea is delighted to announce the receipt of several generous grants that will significantly enhance our capacity to support carers, strengthen our emergency preparedness, and raise awareness of dementia across our community. These funds represent an important investment in the wellbeing, safety, and connectedness of the people we serve.

Supporting Carers Across the Community

Thanks to a \$16,500 grant from Carers Victoria and the Victorian Government, Fernlea will deliver a new Community-Wide Carers Program designed to provide much-needed information, support, and connection for unpaid carers in our region. Carers play a vital role in supporting family members, friends, and neighbours who are living with illness, disability, or frailty. Yet, many carers experience social isolation, stress, and financial hardship.

This new program will create opportunities for carers to come together, share experiences, and access resources to help them sustain their caring role and maintain their own wellbeing.

Workshops, information sessions, and peer support groups will be held across the community, ensuring that carers of all ages and backgrounds can participate. Fernlea is deeply grateful to Carers Victoria and the Victorian Government for recognising the importance of local, grassroots support for carers and for helping us to bring this initiative to life.

Strengthening Communication During Emergencies

Fernlea also extends its sincere thanks to Jason Wood MP, whose grant has enabled us to purchase satellite phones for our Respite Centre and Community House. These devices will ensure that Fernlea can maintain essential communication with emergency services, staff, volunteers, and families during severe weather events or power outages.

As recent years have shown, extreme weather can strike with little warning, and reliable communication is crucial to keeping our clients, carers, and staff safe. The addition of satellite phones means Fernlea can continue providing care and coordination even when mobile networks or landlines are disrupted. This investment enhances our resilience and ensures that the people who depend on our services remain supported.

Raising Dementia Awareness

Fernlea has also received a \$4,800 grant from Cardinia Shire Council to support an important initiative aimed at raising awareness of dementia within the community. This project will involve education sessions, information campaigns, and community events designed to help

community events designed to help residents better understand dementia, reduce stigma, and learn how to support people living with the condition and their families.

Farewell to Our Op Shop

After more than a decade of service, Fernlea recently made the difficult decision to close our op shop. The shop has been a much-loved part of our community—providing affordable goods, a welcoming space for connection, and vital fundraising support for Fernlea's services.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and loyal customers who have contributed to the op shop's success. Your time, energy, and generosity have made a lasting difference, and we are deeply grateful for all that you have given to Fernlea and to the community.

A Stronger, More Connected Community

These changes and new initiatives mark an important chapter in Fernlea's journey. With the support of Carers Victoria, Jason Wood MP, and Cardinia Shire Council, we continue to grow stronger, more resilient, and more connected. Together with our staff, volunteers, and community, we remain committed to caring for those who care for others and to building a community where everyone feels valued and supported.

Lost Woods Market

Fernlea will have a community stall at the November Lost Woods market. Come along to learn more about these initiatives, to find out more about what we do and why we do it,

and to support us in raising vital funds to maintain the high level of care we provide our respite and in home care clients.

**Sarah
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Emerald Ladies Probud Club

During October members were busy celebrating Probud Month with outings to the Cameo Theatre to see 'Downton Abbey' and 'The Travellers', a walk and morning tea at the Tim Neville Arboretum and morning tea at the Kallista Tea Rooms.

The highlight was our bus trip to Walhalla, the historic gold mining town in Gippsland. We sat back and relaxed on the bus ride before we explored the town, the Old Post Office museum and had lunch at the Wally Pub. A wonderful outing enjoyed by all and a great way to celebrate Probud Month.

An interesting outing to Moorabbin Air Museum provided exhibits of flight simulators and cockpits, planes and helicopters including police helicopters, Air Force and Naval exhibits. Members had fun climbing in aircraft and exploring equipment.



At our October meeting, three vibrant speakers from Ambulance Australia provided important information on procedures to follow in an emergency including CPR and using defibrillators in an emergency. Their presentation was excellent, very useful and much appreciated.

Upcoming events during November include

- A Walk at Jells Park
- Nosh and Natter lunch at Stamford Homestead, Rowville
- 1812 Theatre Play - Rhinestone Rex & Miss Monica

We will start celebrating Christmas in November by making cards at our monthly Craft morning, this will be followed in early December with our Christmas party at Rose Cottage and the Christmas Melodies concert at Hamer Hall.



If you are interested in finding out more about these activities and the benefits of joining Probud, please come along to our next meeting at 10:00 am on Monday 17th November at the Emerald RSL. You are welcome to join us for morning tea and listen to our guest speaker Dean Brandon talking about Historical Melbourne.

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

Helen Beach



A woman is sitting at her deceased husband's funeral. A man leans in to her and asks, "Do you mind if I say a word?". "No, go right ahead", the woman replies. The man stands, clears his throat, says "Plethora", and sits back down. "Thanks", the woman says, "that means a lot"

Stephanie Vu

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CNAV ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It was a cold day in Ballarat, October 12, when Pete Maloney and Dona Martin presented at the Country Newspaper Association of Victoria - CNAV 20th annual conference.

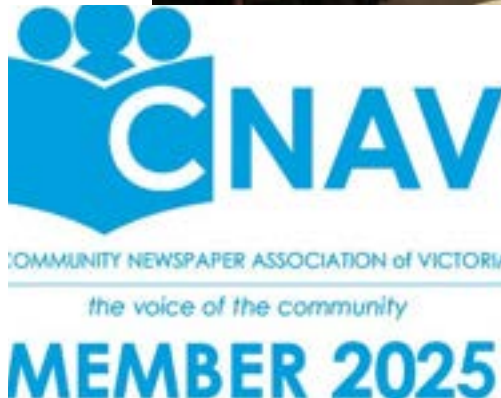
Turns out around four fifths of the overall attendees participated in their presentation on the highlights/pitfalls of using cartoons and creating sudoku puzzles. An outcome that has Pete and Dona claiming success.

An interesting point, only three of the forty or so attendees at their presentation use cartoons/jokes in their publications. Which means it will be easy to see in 2026 if Pete and Dona really have made an impression.

The overall conference was great for all involved, with plans already underway for the 21st conference in 2026.



Awards night
below and left CNAV



The keynote speakers, Jo Smith, Jun Heng Kau, and Jan Roberts were particularly interesting as they drew attention to the benefits for communities of being alert to the negative impacts of gambling. Some points of interest:

- Victorians lost 7.41 billion dollars to gambling in the 2024/5 financial year.
- \$18 million of that was lost by under 18's, minors who of course should have no legal avenue to place a bet.
- 2am is the busiest time for those manning the 24-hour Gambler's helpline.

At the evening awards event, the neighbouring HillsNews was a finalist in the Best history story category. Congratulations Brett and Dot at Hills News. With big news for the Hills, Helen Smith and Marianne Rocke at the Village Bell taking out that very Best History Story award, along with and Best Community Content. You did us all proud.

An amazing and well-deserved accolade. The Emerald News team proudly added to the strong round of applause.

Pete Maloney and Dona Martin

Community Safety Expo at the Hills Hub

On the same weekend in October, Emerald hosted the Council's Safety Expo. It was a great opportunity to talk to people from Vic Police, SES, Crime Stoppers, Ambulance Victoria, Myli Emerald, CSC Compliance team, Outlook Australia and Safer Places (a community security camera database) about working together to make a safer community.



Many people picked up free Anti-Theft screws for their number plates. Any theft of number plates must be reported to local police and your new registration details will need to be advised to your insurance company, RACV and Eastlink/Citylink.



The 1812 Theatre - Rhinestone Rex & Miss Monica Season 6 - The Lowe Auditorium 13th November to 6th December, 2025

A Modern Romantic Comedy by David Williamson
It's an age-old question: do opposites attract? More specifically, could you date someone who had completely different music tastes to you?

Rhinestone Rex and Miss Monica explores this contested idea with oodles of wit and charm through the story of a very unlikely pair.



Where Am I ?

Last month the noticeboard is located near the Nobelius Packing Shed. The rail trail is being used by walkers and bike riders. A popular activity is to walk to Cockatoo or even to Gembrook and come back on the bus which runs every half hour.

This month we have a picture of a grassed lane which connects two streets in West Emerald. Thank you to the kind neighbour who regularly mows the grass.

If you know the answer contact me . The winner will have coffee and one of those beautiful cakes from the Captains of Emerald.

Dick Bartley

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Empire Puffs:-
1 cup minced cold meat, 1 cup S.R. flour, 2 fine-mashed potatoes, 1 1/2 tablespoons dripping, 1 dessertspoon tomato sauce, pepper and salt (to taste). Season meat with sauce. Make a fairly stiff pastry of flour & potatoes mixed with a little cold water, roll out thinly, cut into rounds the size of a saucer. Put a little meat on each round, dampen edges, and fold over, pinching the edges together. Fry in a little fat or oil until golden brown. Drain on paper. Serve hot with vegetables.

Recipes

- tried & tested,
from the community.



Send yours in anytime!
Pictures welcome.

The following recipe for Empire Puffs comes from my grandmother Olive Walker's much loved 1940's recipe book. While not modern, still tasty and offered here as written in her copperplate script and translated for you as the reduced sized text is hard to read.

Empire Puffs

1 cup mince cold meat, 1 cup S.R. flour, 2 tablespoons cold-mashed potatoes, 1 1/2 tablespoons dripping, 1 dessertspoon tomato sauce, pepper and salt (to taste). Season meat with sauce, pepper and salt. Make a fairly stiff pastry of flour and potatoes mixed with a little cold water, roll out thickly, and cut into rounds the size of a saucer. Put a little meat on each round, dampen edges, and fold over, pinching the edges together. Fry in a little fat or oil until golden brown. Drain on paper. Serve hot with vegetables.

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What year was this taken in Emerald and where?

Answer at back of Newsletter

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Councillor David Nickell's Report

Council's meeting on October 20th marked a significant milestone. Following extensive community consultation over a number of months, council passed the following core strategic plans:

- Council Plan 2025-2029
- 2025-2035 Financial Plan
- 2025-2035 Asset Plan

These Strategic Plans are to be updated following Council elections under Local Government Act 2020.

In addition, Council also endorsed two further strategic plans

- Road Management Plan 2025-2029 (in accordance with the Road Management Act 2004)
- Liveability Plan Review 2025

This substantial review of Council's strategic direction has taken the better part of a year. I'd like to thank residents who participated in the Community Panel and refreshed the Council Vision – which in turn informs the Council Plan – and provided guidance on broad approaches to the contents of the Council Plan. Also residents and community groups who took the time to provide feedback on aspects of these important plans.

Discussion and debate around the above plans highlighted the diverse

range of services that Council provides to ratepayers - and the very limited financial base off which Council can reliably fund delivery of those services. Compromises need to be made, of course, however I feel that on balance, positive outcomes for Hills residents have been achieved.

David Nickell

Emerald Tennis Club

October was a very busy and successful month for Emerald Tennis Club.

Term 4, Fast 5 has commenced with 20 teams now participating every Wednesday night, up from the original 12 teams that played in the inaugural season of Fast 5 back in 2023.

Scheduling the 10 games with just 7 courts is a challenge, but managed over 3 different start times. This club intraclub competition is hugely popular and caters for all ages and abilities. We have teams combining parents playing with their children, siblings, in-laws, friends, grand-parents and husband and wives all playing within teams. This has proved to be a great success for the club and the community.

The Fast 5 season has seen the skill level of almost all involved improve, while bringing together the members and players for an enjoyable social night of tennis.

The Club Championships were re-instated last year and this year we have 27 players across four categories currently involved in matches to decide the 2025 club champion in each category. We have seen some fantastic tennis played. Emerald Tennis Club held a very successful trivia night held at Emerald RSL on October 18th, with 80 in attendance and all had an enjoyable and fun night.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in the 'Light It Up Raffle' being won by a syndicate of 5. Fast 5, Club championships and the 'Light It Up' raffle have raised money for the upgrading of lights to courts 6&7 to LEDs - efficient, energy saving, better performance with uniform lighting.

Emerald Tennis Club will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday November 9th from 1:00pm

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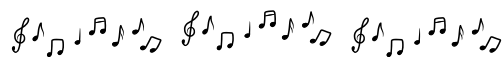


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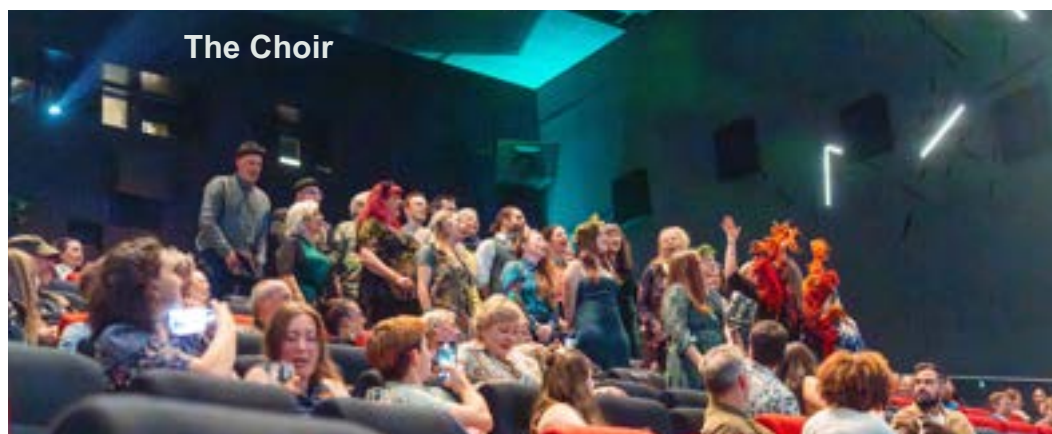


Rear car park off Madigan's Way



The Lyrebirds Community Choir

On Tuesday the 14th of October, The Lyrebirds were asked to perform a flash mob at The Green Carpet premiere screening of a documentary entitled "The Message of The Lyrebird" by Balangara Films. Director of the film Mark Pearce was scouring the internet for all things "Lyrebird" when he stumbled across our facebook page. After liking what he saw he approached us offering the opportunity to perform. The power of social media! We hired a small coach and headed off to the ACMI theatre in Federation Square, for the evening. The surprise performance was wonderful. The Documentary was thought provoking, and we highly recommend watching it if you ever get the opportunity. We warmed up and rehearsed in the bus on the way so when the time came we would be ready. Hopefully the bus driver appreciated our free concert.



The Choir

The event was MC'd by the very talented Madam Lark, who not only plays a mean tune on the saw, but also the most life-like bird calls which had us all mesmerized. She then called for any audience members who could help her out with some notes to play on the saw which allowed our very talented leader Dalys to stand up and wow the crowd with her delightful soprano voice for a few moments solo before giving us the cue to stand and commence an acapella version of a

song by MaMuse called "We Shall be known" As the different choir sections started at different times those still sitting had to pretend we were surprised by the random people sitting next to us that had just stood up to perform. It really was great fun, and such an honour to be a part of. The hardest part about the evening was all of us having to pretend we didn't know each other, so we could keep the surprise from the 350 audience members that were in attendance.

Elise Turnedge



Above: Dalys



Above Dalys & Madam Lark



Soprano Solo



DANDENONG RANGES
Orchestra

SPRING CONCERT

**Sunday 23 November
2025 3pm**

Hills Hub Hall
402 Belgrave-Gembrook Road
Emerald

Schubert "Unfinished Symphony"
Mozart "Titus Overture"
Gounod "Funeral March of the Marionettes"
"The Complete Harry Potter" Arr J.Brubaker
& more

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Workshops

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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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Scan the QR code
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An Inspirational Event

A fundraising dinner for White Ribbon Art Gallery



Support us as we raise awareness
about domestic violence through art.

Friday, December 5, 2025 at Emerald Hills Hub
(400A, Belgrave Gembrook Road, Emerald Victoria 3782)

Doors open 5:30 PM | Dinner served 6:30 PM

Join us for a night of art, courage, and connection featuring:

- 🎵 Live entertainment
- 🗣️ Lived-experience speaker sharing a powerful story
- 🍽️ Two-course meal
- 🎰 Raffle draw with great prizes
- 🗨️ Meet White Ribbon Art Gallery creators and hear their inspirational journeys

book now!

Tickets: \$75 per person via PayID
(WhiteRibbonArtGallery@gmail.com)

Reference: FundRaising Dinner
Description: Guests' name/s



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2025

"When You Are Made to Work"
by Ann Chadwick 2025

2025 THEME: "Look Through MY EYES into Domestic Violence."

We thank all our previous artists for their entries and invite any interested artists to submit artworks for display in November 2025 to align with White Ribbon Day Australia.

Entries will be open throughout October 2025. Please email us for an entry form.

Enquiries and Entry Forms via: WhiteRibbonArtGallery@gmail.com

Exhibition Open at Emerald Hills Hub November 19th - December 10th 2025

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THE TEACHER

Gina Miller has been an educator and practising artist in Australia, USA, Canada and the UK. Her abstract painting is experimental, spontaneous and full of energy, often combined with a mix of other media.

Gina also does Chinese Brush Painting where she focuses on native plants and animals. She is also experienced in a number of printmaking arts and techniques.

SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER 2025

TIME: 10:30am-11:30am Youth, 1pm-4pm Adults
LOCATION: 562 Studio, cnr Church & Anne Sts
COST: \$121 Members, \$185 Non-Members
Youth: \$40-1 Child, \$60-2 Children,
\$75-3 Children
Direct Debit to Emerald Arts Society Inc.
Bendigo Bank, 808 833000
Acc: 108880255 Ref: your name and work shop

PROVIDED: All Materials (lino blocks, ink & paper) will be provided. Mounting and Aluminium too included.

BRING: Bring any sketches, ideas, photographs or specimens for inspiration to produce your work. No cut print boards.

SKILLS: Open to beginners, or artists who want to learn a new technique. Adults and students (minimum age: 16)

BOOK EARLY LIMITED PLACES

Send an email to: ginamymiller@icloud.com or phone GINA on 0400 598 059

Please note: Any event organised by Emerald Arts Society may be postponed if it falls on a date that is declared an EXTREME or CODE RED day.

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Holiday Greeting Card Workshop

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Explore various techniques and mediums:

Watercolour, Inks, Collage, Mixed Media and Lino Cuts.

Provide your FAMILY and FRIENDS a personalised artistic greeting card this year! It'll be a FUN event for everyone.

DATE: SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2025

WHERE: Emerald Arts Society, Cnr Church & Anne Sts, Emerald

TIME: 10:30AM-11:30AM Youth, 1PM-4PM Adults

COST: Youth: \$40-1 Child, \$60-2 Children,
\$75-3 Children
Adults: \$70 Members, \$110 Non-Members
BSB: 633 000 Acc: 196 896 249

REF: Your Name & Workshop

PROVIDED: All Cards, Paint & Brushes, Collage Materials & Stamps, Tea & Coffee.

BRING: Sketches on a Christmas theme, Scissors & Apron.

SKILLS: A fun workshop that is open to all.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY AS NUMBERS
ARE LIMITED

CONTACT: GINA on 0400 598 059
or email ginamymiller@icloud.com

Please note if you join now Membership will carry forward to include all of next year.

\$40 per Single Adult, \$60 per Family, \$15 (U20)

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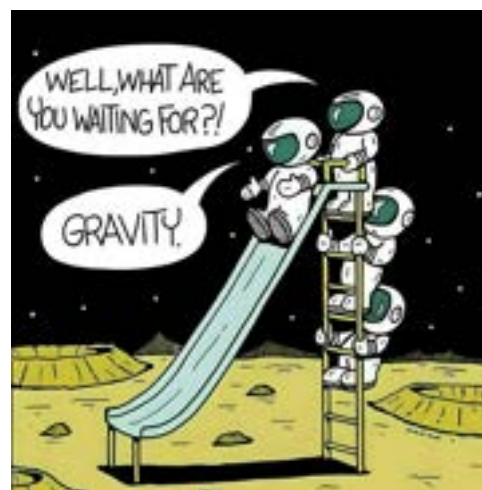
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Sudoku

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

Note: 3 x 3 squares marked out in the grid - each of these squares can't have any repeat numbers either.

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



Answer to Where and When am I in Emerald - 1997 Soul Nourishment restaurant.

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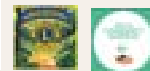
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We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	11:00am - 4:00pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed



NOVEMBER

Calendar of Events

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

SUN

MON

TUE

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FRI

SAT

2 **FELP WORKING BEE**
9AM @ LAKESIDE
CARPARK; PLANTING
GRASSES

9:30 - 11PM EVERY
SUNDAY PB TOY
LIBRARY AT FERNLEA
COMMUNITY HOUSE

ON SUNDAYS, EMERALD
MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN
12- 4PM ,
OR BY
APPOINT
MENT

3 **EMERALD
ARTS
Society**
1st Nov - 4th Nov
Official Opening
Friday 31st October
7.30pm
Art Show Dates
Saturday to Tuesday
1st Nov to 4th Nov
10am to 4pm

4 EVERY TUES 7PM
ROTARY MTG @THE
PARADISE HOTEL.



1ST & 3RD TUES MTH
6-7.30PM CREATIVE
HAVEN - CRAFT GROUP
AT THE LIBRARY.
(ALSO 1ST SAT MTHLY
12:30-2:30 PM)

5 ART EXHIBITION @
HILLS HUB ENDS 11 NOV
TANYA STAWITZKI:
DON'T FORGET TO LOVE
A MOUSE



1ST WED SEP-DEC 2025.
LIONS SOCIAL NIGHT @
THE BASE C'TOO.

6 - 7:30 PM EVERY 2ND
WED (FTNLY) - EMERALD
WRITER'S COMMUNITY -
WSHOP

6 EVERY THURS 11.15
AM-12NOON
STORYTIME AGES 3-5

AT EMERALD RSL

Wreath Making Night

Thursday 6th November,
from 6.30pm onwards

Bring a flower, stem, spring or
garlands - any fresh, dried or
handmade pieces are welcome!



Together we will make a beautiful
and meaningful wreath that will be
held at our Remembrance Day
Service, Tuesday November 11th

7 11:15 AM - 11:45 -
EVERY FRIDAY DURING
SCHOOL TERMS.
TODDLER TIME @ THE
LIBRARY 1-3 YRS

KNOX ART SHOW
Saturday 8th and
Sunday 9th November
10 am to 4:30pm

ON THE WEEKEND!



Local artists and photographers
will be on hand to help you take
the best photos of your family and friends
at the show.

8 9AM - 2PM
LOST WOODS MARKET



9 **FELP WORKING BEE**
9AM @ LAKESIDE
CARPARK; TRIM,
TIDY & WEED

EVERY SUNDAY 10 -
12NOON @ HILLS HUB
ALABASTER CHURCH



10 EVERY MONDAY "THE
LYREBIRDS COMMUNITY
CHOIR" ST LUKES C'TOO
7.15PM DURING SCHOOL
TERMS

EVERY MON 11.15 -
11.45AM BABY RHYMME
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EVERY MON
10-30AM
VOLUNTEER AT EM
CEMETERY.

11 2ND TUES MTHLY 10-11
AM BOOK CHAT EMERALD
LIBRARY

EMERALD RSL'S REMEM-
BRANCE DAY AT 10.30AM



7PM ROTARY MTG @THE
PARADISE

12 ON WEDNESDAYS,
EMERALD MUSEUM IS
OPEN 10AM-3PM



2ND WED MTHLY
@ 10 AM BOOK CHAT @
THE LIBRARY



9:30 - 11AM EVERY WED
PB TOY LIBRARY AT
FERNLEA C/ HSE



13 6 2ND THURS MTHLY
4-5PM STEAM CLUB

EVERY WEEK -
ART IN THE PARK
GALLERY IN THE
OLD PB CAFE AT
EMERALD LAKE.
OPEN 11AM TO
4PM, THURSDAY -
SUNDAY.



HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY
SOCIETY ON 2ND & 4TH
THURS MTHLY 7:30- PM
HILLS HUB

14 EVERY FRI EVENING
DURING DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS, BAREFOOT
BOWLS @ COCKATOO
BOWLS CLUB

7:30PM - LIVE MUSIC
AT EMERALD RSL



15 3PM @ ELEVATION
3MDR'S BIG GIG -
5 LIVE ACTS
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EMERALD
PRIMARY SCHOOL
FAIR - 11.30AM
TO 4PM

16 EMERALD MUSEUM
OPEN 10- 4PM TODAY -
ANNUAL SALVIA SALE
AT THE SALVIA DISPLAY
GARDEN AT NOBELIUS
HERITAGE PARK.

8.30-1.30 3RD SUNDAY
MTHLY EMERALD
PRODUCE MARKET

2PM @ HILLS
HUB -WOORILLA
POETRY PRIZE
2025 AWARDS
EVENT

17
3RD MONDAY MTHLY
10AM, PROBUS MTGS AT
EMERALD RSL

18
EVERY TUES 10-11.30AM
ALABASTER CHURCH HILLS
MEETS
AT THE
HILLS
HUB



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MOVIE MORNING AT
EMERALD LIBRARY

6 - 7:30 PM AT EM
LIBRARY, EVERY 2ND
WEDNESDAY (FTNLY)
EMERALD WRITER'S
COMMUNITY WSHOP

20 9AM-11AM
FELP WORKING BEE,
MEET AT E/LAKE
CARPARK

3RD THURS MTHLY
4-5PM IN SCHOOL
TERMS. CREATIVE KIDS @
EM LIBRARY

EVERY THURS 10.00AM
-12.00 EVERY THURS, EM
WELLBEING GRP @
FERNLEA COMM- UNITY
HOUSE

21
EVERY WEEK ART IN
THE PARK GALLERY IN
THE OLD PB CAFE AT
EMERALD LAKE. OPEN
11AM -4PM
THURS-SUN.

22 8AM EVERY
SATURDAY, PARK
RUN AT EMERALD
LAKE

@ HILLS HUB 6-8.30PM
HIDDEN
TREASURES
OF THE
EASTERN DANDENONGS



23 **Gembrook
Market**

9AM - 2PM
GEMBROOK MARKET
4TH SUNDAY MTHLY



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EVERY
MONDAY
"THE
LYREBIRDS
COMMUNITY
CHOIR" ST
LUKES C'TOO
7.15PM
DURING
SCHOOL
TERMS

25
EVERY TUES 2 & 3PM
TECH HELP ONE-ON-
ONE @LIBRARY

EVERY TUESDAY, RSL
EMERALD OPEN 5- 7PM



29 DAYS TO GO

27 9AM-11AM FELP
WORKING BEE, MEET
AT E/LAKE CARPARK

HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY
SOCIETY ON 2ND &
4TH THURS MTHLY
7:30- PM HILLS HUB

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4TH THURS MTHLY 4 -
5PM YOUTH WRITING
GRP ONLINE EM
LIBRARY

EVERY THURS RSL CLUB
EMERALD OPEN 5-10PM



7:30PM - LIVE MUSIC
AT EMERALD RSL

CREDENCE CLEAR-
WATER REVIVAL
BLUES
ROULETTE TRIBUTE

29 8AM EVERY
SATURDAY, PARK RUN
AT EM LAKE



30
ROTARY KIDS FUN RUN
WITH PUFFING BILLY AT
GEMBROOK



NETBALL
REGISTRATION DAY
10AM-12 AT PEPI'S



2
7PM ROTARY MTG @THE
PARADISE, SPEAKER
DOROTHY GILMOUR SAFE

3
6 - 7:30 PM AT EM
LIBRARY, EVERY 2ND
WEDNESDAY (FTNLY)
EMERALD WRITER'S
COMMUNITY WSHOP

4
1ST THURS
MTHLY AT EMERALD
LIBRARY 4- 5 PM
LEGO CLUB 5TH
JUNE)

1ST THURS MTH
EMERALD LIBRARY
4- 5 PM LEGO CLUB

5 6:30 FUNDRAISING
DINNER
AT HILLS
HUB

Doors open 5:30 PM | Dinner served 6:30 PM
Join us for a night of art, courage, and connection featuring:
- Live entertainment
- Live-experience speaker sharing a powerful story
- 11 Two-course meal
- Raffle draw with great prizes
- Meet White Ribbon Art Gallery creators and hear the
inspirational journeys
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The Superb Fairy-Wren

Fairy-wrens are among the most beautiful birds in Australia, and they have quirky personalities too.

Recognisable by their sky blue-coloured caps, which become iridescent during breeding season, the superb fairy-wren is much loved among Australians. This fairy-wren can be found across south-east Australia and enjoys a shrubby understorey where they move about in small groups. New research has revealed that male fairy-wrens sing to their eggs and their chicks come out recognising their parent's unique song.

There are 9 other species of Fairy-Wren. The pictures below were found on the internet.



splendid fairy-wren



Lovely fairy-wren



Purple-crowned fairy-wren



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