

EMERALD NEWS

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EMERALD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION INC. AND COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

PUBLIC MEETING

**CARDINIA -
RANGES WARD ELECTION**

MEET THE CANDIDATES HILLS HUB 7PM WED OCT 9th



**Jeff
Springfield**

I'm Jeff Springfield, a 45yo lifelong resident of Emerald/Hills with a professional background in music /entertainment event-management. I have been honoured to serve as your Ranges Ward Councillor for the previous eight years, and twice as Cardinia's Mayor. First inspired to nominate out of the shared frustrations from our residents towards the lack of Cardinia's investment and attention within our backyard. For a long time, we'd felt overlooked and forgotten about by our Council administrators in Pakenham and Officer. I'm proud to say this is no longer the case! In the previous eight years we have seen over \$100m in capital infrastructure and projects delivered across our beautiful region. The Hills Hub, Worrell Reserve, Alma Treloar, Gembrook Skate Park and the Road Sealing Program to name a few. But there is still so much more that we need to achieve! I am seeking your support to continue this work fighting for the priorities of our residents, inside the Council Chambers where these decisions are made.

- Increased resources for roads/drainage maintenance.
- Continuous funding to deliver a long-term road sealing program.
- Effective vegetation, open space and playground management.
- Increased support for our community groups, volunteers and sporting clubs.
- Emergency management planning.
- Strategic planning for our beautiful townships.

Authorised by: J.Springfield, 5/1647
Burwood Hwy Belgrave



**Catherine
Oldenburger**

Resident of Emerald for 40 years. Medical Scientist in Haematology, at Austin Hospital Heidelberg, on a part time basis.

Career span 48 years.

Apart from Roads, Rates, Rubbish, which are very important, interests in a number of areas.

Community and focus groups, have participated in many and look forward to working with local groups.

Environment, currently involved in Save the Beaconsfield Reservoir Group.

Arts, would love to see return of PAVE Festival or an iteration of it (aware of recent efforts).

Sporting groups and maintenance of local sports facilities.

Farmers and Farming, looking forward to the Cardinia Council Agribusiness Audit report.

Working with local farmers.

I am a member of a local Country Womens Association branch and I am, through this group very interested in local food security such as food banks, food waste and working with local business. Housing security, hoping to become involved on committees, focus groups looking at social housing with both developers and community members. Supporter of women's security groups, education and prevention of domestic violence.

This will be a new experience for me.

I am ready and willing to learn, be responsive to ratepayers, transparent and accountable to the community.

Authorised by: Catherine Oldenburger, CMB 18,
National Parks Rd, Lochsport, 3851.



**David
Nickell**

If you feel its time for a change in how Ranges Ward is represented, please vote for me.

If elected, my focus will be on...

- Listening
- Improving the Council services that Hills residents want to see improved.
- Strengthening practical Council support for local community groups and volunteers.
- Better balance in meeting imposed growth corridor needs - versus providing good service to existing residents in rural areas.
- Working together to build a vision and plan for the future of our whole district and the townships in it. The town plans we do have are out of date and not joined-up. Over time, no clear plan risks us losing what makes our district such a great place to live.
- Close support for the already huge efforts of locals, in helping us all to be as prepared for fires and storms as we can be.

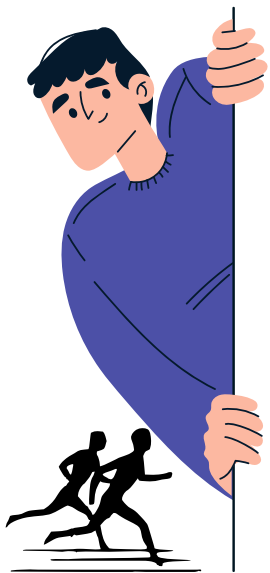
I've worked in Community Engagement, Risk Management, Business Continuity and Incident Management jobs and am familiar with governance practices for large organisations.

I'm a longtime local volunteer myself and have contributed to several community groups across the district over the years. I will apply this experience to the job of being your local councillor.

Thankyou for your consideration

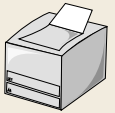
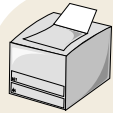
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Emerald News - back issues

All back issues of Emerald News from September 2019 to the present day can be found in the U3A library at the Hills Hub.

Thanks Paul Bianco for the photograph of committee members throughout Emerald News

Emerald Village Association Inc.

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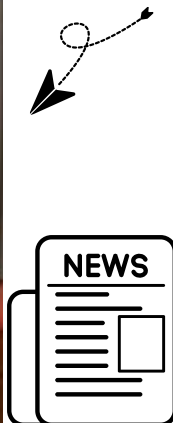


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Peter Maloney



Painting by the late June Barnett. June painted my portrait after her husband, John Dudley, passed. I am extremely proud of her work.

Dick Bartley

Dick was President of EVA for 12 years. He did a great job building our fledgling organisation into the strong entity that is kicking goals today. Thank you Dick.

At the Annual General Meeting of EVA in August I was elected President - an honour I take very seriously. At the same meeting a team of talented residents were elected to our Committee. We have a mission to serve Emerald and work towards our township being a happy, resilient and harmonious place to live.

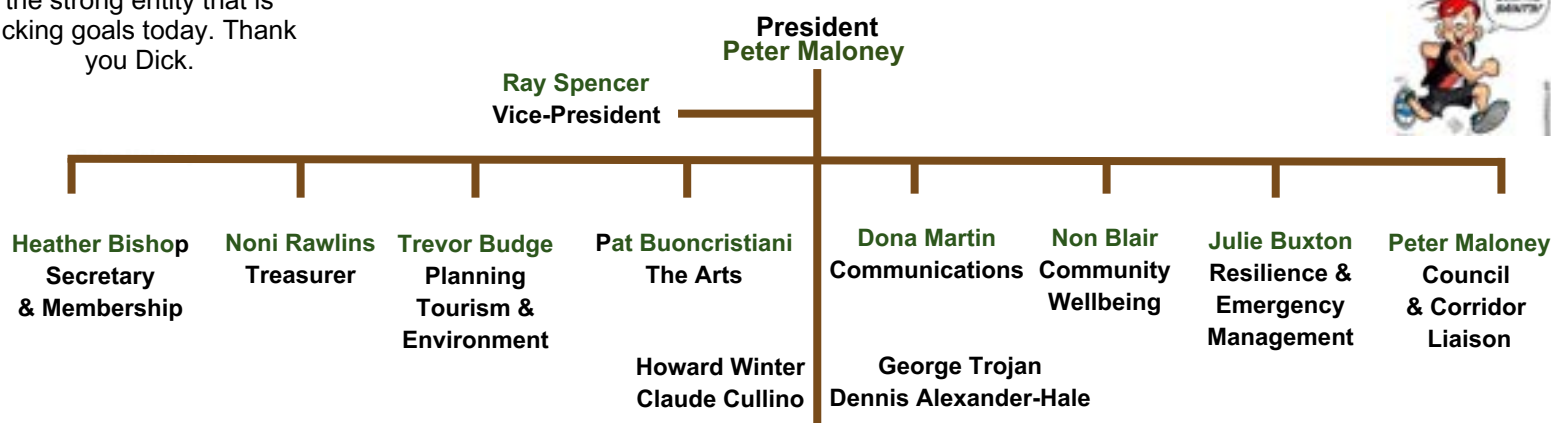
One of my objectives, as President, is to ensure our Committee embraces all facets of our life in Emerald, and this is shown in the organisation chart below. Another objective is to put a plan in place where all three "Corridor" townships are working together on the same page. I would like to see periodic meetings of representatives of Gembrook, Cockatoo and Emerald working through common issues.

We are currently in Cardinia "caretaker mode" as we prepare for the election of a new Councillor for Ranges Ward. We have a choice of three including the incumbent, Jeff Springfield. Their ideas are shown in this Newsletter; we have organised a "Meet The Candidates" night at he Hills Hub on Wednesday 9th October.

At our November 27th meeting we will welcome the CEO of Cardinia Shire, Carol Jeffs, as our guest speaker. Questions on notice are invited.

Finally if you have anything to contribute to EVA about Emerald and how we could improve things, please make contact with me - anytime.

EVA Organisation Chart



EMERALD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR		
An Initiative of the Emerald Village Committee		
Year	Citizen of the Year	Young Citizen of the Year
2010	JEAN WORRELL	
2011	JOFF LATTER	
2012	NON BLAIR	MATTHEW DONAWAY
2013	CHRIS BRITTON	HOLLY LATTER
2014	KAREN ALEXANDER	
2015	SHEILA HAMPSON	
2016	PETER MALONEY	
2017	ERIAN HANNAN	
2018	RUSSELL NIELSEN	
2019	DAVID GREENAWAY	
2020	JOHN DUDLEY	EMMA JACKEL
2021	RAY SPENCER	BLAISE COSME
2022	WAYNE COLLINS	
2023	GRAEME LEGGIE	
2024	ONNE TRENSKY	
2025	Emerald Community Group of the Year THE ROCKY COBB OF GEMPROOK & CO	
2026	PAUL YANKOLE	HOLLY BURRIDGE
2027	Emerald Community Group of the Year THE EMERALD & COCKATOO GEMPROOK & CO	
2028	MARGE GEMMELL	
2029	Emerald Community Group of the Year THE MILES HILL	



Emerald Citizen of the Year
All Emerald groups and citizens are welcome to attend the awarding of:

**Emerald Citizen of the Year,
Young Citizen, &
Group/Event of the year.**

Community groups will be invited to tell



Emerald their plans for the future.

EVA Awards Night

7.30 October 23rd at The Hills Hub



Trevor Budge



Julie Buxton

Climate Resilience Working Group Report / Update –

Report on the progress on three applications for grants. It has been identified that there is a greater need for Council to build resilience into their strategic planning and financial plan. It was agreed that advocacy for resilience must be a key part of the next four-year Council Plan to hold Council accountable for delivery and empower the staff to be proactive.

Climate Resilience Parliamentary Committee Inquiry

The Committee is coming to Emerald to hear evidence on Friday 10 October. The EVA made an extensive submission to the Inquiry and will have 45 minutes to present. This is an opportunity to update the Committee on what we have done since the submission and address the Inquiry Terms of Reference. For Committee's terms of reference and submissions see

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/climateresilience>

Council candidates' session - 9th October

The Committee framed key matters for the candidates to address, these included, Improved communication with communities, transparency in decision making, road maintenance and traffic management, greater community consultation on plans and proposals, climate resilience, planning and support for tourism, commitment to long term infrastructure planning.

Planning for and development of all age's facilities

The Committee will increase its advocacy for addressing the needs of seniors, disabled persons, young mothers with children in the design and development of facilities and public spaces and in supporting the provision of greater active transport.

Trevor Budge



Order of Lions cakes and puddings
available soon - check at Mitre 10

Building resilience for Emerald and surrounds

You may have noticed in the last wind event that a generator was located in Emerald just outside the butcher. This was provided by Ausnet and has the potential to power businesses along that side of the Emerald shopping strip. While there are some caveats around its delivery and use, it's a step in the right direction to build energy resilience in our town. But there's more to do.

Taking advantage of Ausnet's recently established Energy Resilience Community Fund, EVA Resilience Committee has applied for funding under each of the three grants Ausnet are offering: major grants, energy resilience grants and energy education and literacy grants. If successful, the grants would fund the following projects:

- **Information Kits** – a resource to inform and educate about energy resilience including preparedness and relief. The aim is to cover as much of Emerald, Avonsleigh, Cockatoo, Gembrook and Upper Beaconsfield as possible. The funding would need to cover development, printing and distribution. Many thanks to Catherine Gardner for leading this project.
- **Hills Region Community Based Risk and Values Assessment** – funding for an energy professional to research and develop (with consultation) an energy resilience plan for our region that future projects can leverage.
- **Battery support and backup generation** – project scoping for a potential backup power system located at the Hub/Library so that the Hub can be utilised during or after an emergency. It should be noted this grant has a number of contingencies to success including permission being granted from Cardinia Council to instal back up generation at the Hub. A separate application will be made to the state government 100 Neighbourhood Battery program, subject to finding a 5% cash co-contribution.

There is still a lot of work to do and hurdles to overcome, but if it all comes together, we're hoping these projects would be ready to go by August 2026.

Julie Buxton



News in Brief

COUNCIL ELECTION MEET THE CANDIDATES The Hills Hub Wednesday October 9th 7.30pm More information inside	Council Elections Voting packs will be sent out from October 7th Completed voting packs to be returned by October 25th	Weather Reports Stuart Coombs is a local resident who works for BOM and gives amazing weather reports on the Hills & The Dandenongs FB page. Worth a look.
Skate Board Park Exciting news! Ready to rock and roll in Worrell Reserve for 2025. Report inside.	Emerald RSL Sip N Paint 1.30 Sunday October 27th \$35 per head including bubbles on arrival.	EDRA Business Breakfast Friday 25th October Hills Hub See inside for more details
Citizen of the Year Awards Night October 23rd at the Hills Hub. Inside for more information.	Properties for Sale New addition to the Emerald News. Listings of all houses for sale in Emerald. Thanks Grant Day and Justin Barrett. See inside.	Rotary All American Car Show and Man Cave Ally Gembrook Primary School Sunday 16th February.
Classified Advertising Want to sell something? We have thousands of local readers of our News. See inside for advertising rates.	What's On in Emerald We have a listing of all that is happening in Emerald. See inside for details. If you have an event to promote send it in.	Art Exhibition Coming up in November. The annual Art Society art exhibition. See inside for dates. All local artists invited to submit.
3MDR Radiothon Annual event. Amazing local radio station that supports local artists and businesses. Get on board. Details inside.	Lost Wood Market Puffing Billy Park Saturday October 14th 8am - 2pm	Puffing Billy Kids Fun Run An amazing fund raising effort by the Rotary Club of Emerald. Coming soon. See inside in the Rotary report for details.
RSL Blues Night - Pit Stop Alley October 25th \$20 - great music Details inside.	Clothing Swap Meet Cardinia Shire initiative at The Hub on Sunday 13th October at The Hills Hub - 11am to 1pm. See inside for details.	Emerald Tennis Club Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Emerald Tennis Club at the RSL. See inside for details.

Rotary Club of Emerald & District



No two months are ever the same in the life of a Rotarian and if a situation changes - we are flexible. Due to the rescheduling of Puffing Billy's Great Train Race on Sunday 8th September (to 27th October) and the closure of Emerald Lake Park following storm damage, members who were scheduled to "Marshall" opted for a walk to Emersleigh Winery, Stewart Rd, Emerald.

Thirteen members/partners went to the Winery however the cars parked at strategic points between there and the Hub saw only four people walked back.



Talking about Puffing Billy, the Kids Fun Run is only 1 month off and entries are open at www.kidsfunrunwithpuffingbilly.org.au.



KIDS FUN RUN
- PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY -
Sunday November 2024 at Puffing Billy Station Southport
Suitable for 5-10 years (young to old) who want to
support Monash Children's Hospital

Registrations Now Open!!
Sunday 24th November 2024
Puffing Billy Railway Station Gembrook

A fun day out for all the family
Raising funds for
Childhood Cancer Research
at the
Monash Children's Hospital

<https://www.emeraldrotary.org.au/page/kfrwpb>



SCAN ME

We have been amazed in the willingness of young children to take part in supporting the course (Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre) already we have a family of 3 children each with their own fundraising page and between them they have raised over \$450 so far.

Kris Ash, Membership & Marketing Chair emailed to thank the mother for her support and learnt that one of the children has a rare autoimmune disease and Monash Children's has been a fantastic support to the family through their medical journey - there are some special stories behind the fundraising pages each year.



On Saturday 14th September following our very successful "Brushstrokes & Bubbles" events last year, the Club held "Cake Decorating & Bubbles" at The Hills Hub. Local guru Jayne Gibbs of Funky Cakes took the 44 attendees through the process of Cake decorating and off course with assistance from the usual glass of bubbles everyone produced very professional looking decorated cakes. Feedback from those who attended was that they enjoyed it so much that they want to know what the next event will be!

On Thursday 19th September the EarlyAct Club (a Rotary spin off and Service Club for students in Years 5 and 6) ran their first event since forming in May 24 - a Wheelathon in conjunction with the recognised charity "Wheelchairs for Kids" at Emerald Primary School.

Melbourne "Wheelchairs for Kids" representatives Grant Klaaysen and Russell Hayes arrived early in the morning with 2 vans containing 40 wheelchairs for the students to use and Rotary Club members were on hand throughout the day to assist. As Classes came out in pairs all the students were given the opportunity to both push and ride in a wheelchair. Younger classes navigated their way through a course on the basketball courts, while older students had to locate various fact sheets that were located throughout the school grounds.

Through sponsorship from family and friends the students raised \$4696. Emerald Rotary donated funds for 2 wheelchairs and the overall total allows for the purchase of 17 wheelchairs which are purpose-designed to withstand regular use in the rugged terrain and uneven surfaces common in the developing world and open-up a life changing level of mobility and accessibility that would be impossible with a regular wheelchair.



Rotary continued

The following Tuesday the Early Act President Caiden Reid and International Committee leader D'Art Goodwin attended the Rotary Club meeting and despite their young age both spoke confidently about their current and forthcoming projects.

At this same meeting our recent candidate at the RYA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) training course David Cowes spoke about his experience. He did not know what to expect and felt apprehensive however found the program to be incredibly rewarding.

It challenged him to adjust to the unexpected and highlighted the importance of being flexible in new situations. This experience was a great learning opportunity and served as a fantastic opportunity to connect with many like-minded individuals who were eager to support one another throughout the program.

Our Sustainability & Environment chairperson Ken Miller has been busy this last month having meetings with Jenny Lyndon from Johns Hill Landcare and Sheila Hampson from Friends of Emerald Lake Park. Projects are being investigated including partnership of a project to clean up and establish an avenue of small native trees along Peppi's walking track. This is a long-term project with the first section located behind Emerald Primary School and there is an opportunity for our Club to be involved in placing signage at the foot of each tree in Emerald Lake Park. The signs will have the botanical name, common name, country of origin and the logos of the FELP and the Rotary Club of Emerald & District.

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

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

Visit our website: www.emeraldrotary.org.au There is so much information of interest there.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 29th October Primary Schools Speech Contest to be held at Cockatoo's Primary School

Sunday 24th November Kids Fun Run in Gembrook –

Registrations now open – see flyer

Sunday 16th February 2025. All American Car Show & Man Cave Ally in Gembrook

Tuesday 18th March 2025. Pride of Workmanship Awards
2025 Debutante Ball. Saturday 14th June 2025

We would love you to join us at either an event or meeting (held every Tuesday 6.45pm for 7pm at The Paradise Hotel). Speakers over the next few weeks are:

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Shalini Penny - Rotary Publicity



Volunteer Opportunity

COCKATOO
NILs

The No Interest Loans (NILs) program provides loans of up to \$2,000 for people on low incomes.

Based in our office in Emerald, we are looking for volunteers to support our staff in talking to clients on the phone, emailing documents and working through the client's budget on the NILs App. Training and support is provided for volunteers.

If you have a few hours a week to spare and would like to help those in need, please contact 0427 895 596 or drop in at 5 Church Street, Emerald to find out more and meet our lovely staff.

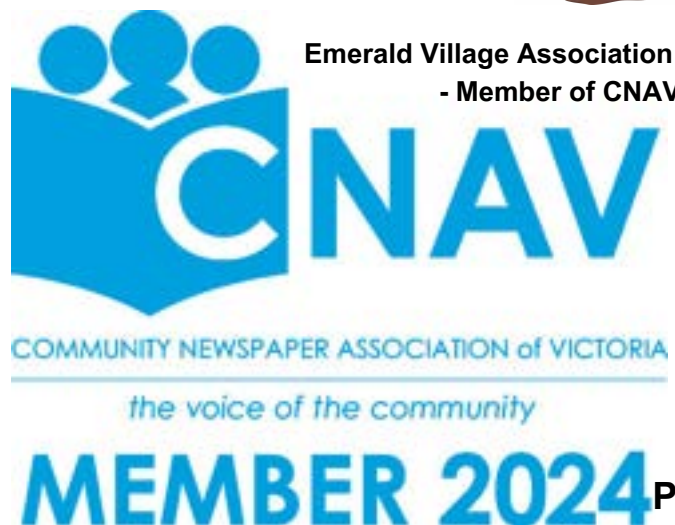
Nicole Lane



Where in Emerald am I?



If you know the answer email Dick Bartley and win lunch at the Laughing Fox.
dickbartley08@gmail.com



Emerald Lions Club



The strength of the association between Emerald Lions and Fernlea was recently under the spotlight with Fernlea CEO Sarah Cole outlining her appreciation for the work of the Emerald Lions Club. At the September meeting Sarah discussed the strength of the association which really began after Fernlea approached Lions for support due to a lack of power after the February 2024 storms. At that time many Fernlea guests were stuck in their homes, some alone and without power for extended times. Without power at Fernlea the respite centre struggled to operate. The Emerald Lions Club stepped up by sourcing and installing a permanent and quite substantial generator. According to Sarah Cole, the peace of mind for all involved cannot be overstated.

The Emerald Lions Club was also thanked for assisting Fernlea during work to redevelop the Emerald Opportunity Shop, with many new initiatives in the pipeline.

Overall, the association between Emerald Lions and Fernlea has assisted many vulnerable members of our community. Both organisations are a credit to all involved.

St Luke's food bank

If you have food donations for St. Luke's but experiencing difficulty delivering your donation, please contact the Lions and we will work with you to arrange delivery.

Ray Spencer



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1 in 5 Children have an undetected vision problem.



Lions Vision Screening teams are operational in every Australian State and Territory. Emerald Lions Club are gearing up to offer Vision Screening in 2025. Watch this space for information. If you would like to register your interest contact: Lions: elainespencer@netspace.net.au

Refurbished IT equipment

If you have an old laptop, iPad, or phone, did you know Fernlea offer a refurbishment program, whereby your old device is refurbished and supplied to students in need. The work assists in ensuring a more equal playing field for all school students.

If you have a device you are prepared to offer for repurposing, call the Lions to arrange collection, if you are in need of a device, contact Fernlea.



Emerald Tennis Club



A very successful winter season ended with four junior ETC teams involved in finals, with three teams eventual premiers. Congratulations to all our juniors who had a very successful season, for ETC to host three teams in the Grand Final was wonderful. The ERT junior summer season gets underway after the school holidays with Emerald entering ten teams, covering the entire range of grades from the Junior Development Competition right through to Open Rubbers. Participation in tennis continues to grow as we see more and more members keen to get involved in our very popular IntraClub Fast 5's competition held on a Wednesday night between 7-9.00pm. Next season, which coincides with the school term will see 14 teams getting along to the club for organised, social/competitive and enjoyable tennis. The courts are a hive of activity on a Wednesday night where the atmosphere of enjoyment is palpable. October looms as a busy month for the club, with the return of our Club Championships which will see 20 participants playing 47 matches over two weeks to determine our junior and senior Club Champions. We also have our Trivia night to be held at the Emerald RSL on October 19th where the winner of the Reverse Draw Raffle will be determined.

If you would like to be in the draw to win \$2500 and help the club raise money, we welcome your support. Tickets are selling fast!

With a 1 in 150 chance of winning \$2,500 don't waste any time, head to the below to purchase your tickets, either individually or as a syndicate:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUPXI>

Ros Trojan

Emerald Lake Precinct - Stakeholder Meeting

The Emerald Lake Precinct Masterplan update, including detail design and signage strategy – council officers reported that there should be a functional design in 2-3 years.

Lake Nobelius is heavily silted due to surrounding drainage runoff and will be desilted. At this stage the project delivery is scheduled for February / March 2025 and is to be completed in hot weather when there are no school holidays. Truck access is to be determined and a letter box drop will be carried out to notify those impacted.



George Trojan
EVA Committee

Due to structural problems and safety concerns, the Gus Ryberg Amphitheatre will be permanently fenced with a black mesh fence surrounding the amphitheatre. Quotes received for the cost of remedial work have proved expensive so council have determined to permanently fence the location.

Puffing Billy has a very busy month in October with a 'Day out with Thomas', the 'Halloween Train' and the weekend Running Festival – see our What's On in October (page 38) for dates.

Concerns were expressed by the various stakeholders regarding the general of maintenance of gravel and paved walking tracks, paths, garden works, leaf and vegetation removal in the park. Council will provide stakeholders with the maintenance scheduling, tasks and how the scope of the completed works is audited.

Emerald Regional Bee Keeper - an update



**NATIONAL
Varroa Mite Management
PROGRAM**

**Varroa Management
Training**

Victoria Workshops

Yarra Valley: Gembrook Community Centre
OCTOBER 26th 2024 9am—3pm

dpi.nsw.gov.au/varroa

We have been busy melting wax, storing honey and spending maintenance time on beehives. We continue to welcome new members to the group. Some members have already been out collecting swarms already! If you see a swarm settling, please call our team of volunteers on the swarm phone: 0491 715 840

Varroa Mite

We have gained knowledge about Varroa mite from a few expert presenters recently, How it will likely come to Emerald, The impact on Emerald Beekeepers, and What tools and techniques we will need to integrate into our regular hive care.... but what we don't know is when Varroa will arrive. Hopefully the rest of Victoria's beekeepers are as vigilant as we are and can slow the spread.

ALL BEEKEEPERS in the area are invited to attend the upcoming Yarra Valley - Varroa Management Training Workshop, an event run by the National Varroa Mite Management team. Registration is essential and seats are limited. Booking ASAP is advised. It is possibly the only Yarra Valley and Emerald event to be offered by this team. <https://events.humanitix.com/yarra-valley-varroa-management-training-workshop?hxchl=hex-pfl>

The Emerald Regional Bee Keepers encourage and welcome all local bee enthusiasts to join the group. We promote information sharing and support each other to adopt best practices. Together, we will be each be able to better cope with the impact from Varroa, and be more effective at protecting the region's bee population.

Bron Koll

The Formation of Cardinia Reservoir

#6 in series on the history of Emerald

‘Everybody’ in Emerald knows Cardinia Reservoir – many drive past it at least five days a week. The reservoir was officially opened in 1973. In the 1960s, Melbourne struggled through a severe drought and water restrictions were imposed in the summer of 1967–68.

As a result, plans for construction of Cardinia and Thomson reservoirs were advanced. The main embankment of Cardinia Reservoir is 86 metres high and approximately 1.5 kilometres long. Construction started in May 1970 and was completed in 1973 at a cost of more than A\$11.4 million.



Following construction it took another four years to fill. Cardinia Reservoir is an off-stream storage reservoir and only as small catchment of 2,800 hectares it has no effective catchment of its own.

To fill it required substantial water transfers from other storages. With a surface area of 1,295 hectares the full reservoir storage holds 286,910 Megalitres of water just about enough for 40 litres of water for every person on the planet. By comparison, the water capacity of Sydney Harbour is almost exactly twice that of Cardinia Reservoir. Cardinia receives water via a pipeline from Silvan.

A 3.5-megawatt (4,700 hp) hydroelectric power station at the outlet of the pipeline generates electricity as water is transferred to Cardinia. Water from Cardinia supplies Melbourne's southern and south-eastern suburbs, and the Mornington Peninsula.

Aura Vale Lake plays a very important role in Melbourne's water supply. It forms part of a drainage system designed to channel run-off water from neighbouring properties and roads and stop it entering the main reservoir.



The surrounds of the reservoir were allocated \$1 million for landscaping work to create a recreational area including picnic areas, playgrounds, carparks and walking tracks. As Kate Cashin writes – “there are three picnic areas in Cardinia Reservoir Park, each with its own wonderful views of surrounding bushland and open lawns.

They are Crystal Brook Picnic Area, Kangaroo Flat Picnic Area and Duffy’s Lookout Picnic Area (no vehicle access). By far the most popular walk is the one that runs along the dam wall. It is flat and well maintained and is 3.2km return. There is carparking at both ends so the choice is yours as to which point you start and finish at. As you walk there are views to across the water to one side and out to the surrounding hilltops on the others.



The next most popular walk is the 700-metre kangaroo viewing trail which runs from the Spillway carpark. Families of roos can often be spotted here, most often in the early morning or at dusk. Less visited is the 5km tea tree walk. It is a mixture of gravel paths and boardwalks and is ideal for exploring the flora of the park.

Sources:
Melbourne Water websites

Finally, the messmate trail is a 2.3km loop with hills from Crystal Brook Picnic Area to Duffy’s Lookout.” The whole area is far different from the writer’s recollection of a scout camping area on the Cardinia Creek that was visited every year in the early 1960s.

Trevor Budge

Kate Cashin Photography

October Business Breakfast - **Are you Fire Season Ready?**

Friday 25th October - 7am to 9am, Hills Hub, Emerald



What have we learned over the last 12 months?

The different challenges businesses face.

The tools, strategies & resources in place.

The emergency plan between these groups.

Who actions what and how do we communicate this to businesses.

Speakers

Claude Cullino, Emerald Village Assoc. Resilience Committee -

The work that has been pursued in getting faster responses for power and telecommunications to the area since Feb 13, 2024.

Stewart Matulis, Coordinator - Emergency Mgmt, Cardinia Shire Council -

Business preparation, Council's assistance post event, general overview of roles & responsibilities post event

Fiona Sewell, Emerald & Surrounds Emergency Recovery Group -

ESERG work with the community and businesses in getting back to normal, their priorities and what issues businesses will face in getting back to trading.

Rachelle Mechielsen - Emerald & Cockatoo Emergency Support Team

ECEST role in recovery

Booking Details

\$25 buffet breakfast

<https://www.trybooking.com/CVWDE>



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 9 Russell Street, Emerald
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 10 Naylor's Road, Emerald

Do all two-digit numbers eventually become palindromes?

Your challenge is to find out if your birthday dates are palindromes?

Start with using the date and month as one number, then try with the year.



Tuesdays - 5pm - 8pm
Thursdays 11am - 4pm
Other times -
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October Puzzle

Palindromic numbers

A palindromic number has the same value when its digits are reversed, for example: 353 and 45754 are palindromic numbers.

Create a palindromic number by taking a number and adding it to the number made by reversing the digits.

e.g.

$$\begin{array}{r} 134 \\ + 431 \\ \hline 565 \end{array}$$

A one stage palindromic

$$\begin{array}{r} 67 \\ + 76 \\ \hline 143 \\ + 341 \\ \hline 484 \end{array}$$

A two-stage Palindrome



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3MDR - Mountain District Radio



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The Emerald Museum is pleased to announce a guided walking tour of the beautiful Nobelius Heritage Park to take place on Sunday 17 November, 11.00 am -12.00 pm. Last year's Autumn Walk in the Park was much enjoyed by the participants who came from across Melbourne as well as from the Hills. Following the success of this walk, the Museum has decided to make this walk an annual event.

The Nobelius Heritage Park is situated on remnant land of what was once the great Gembrook Nurseries (popularly known as the Nobelius Nurseries). At their peak, just prior to World War I, the Nurseries covered a significant part of present-day Emerald and exported trees throughout Australia and to other countries. On this walk, you can envision what the Park looked like when it was home to the largest fruit and ornamental tree exporter in the Southern Hemisphere. You can hear about the history of the brilliant horticulturalist Carl Axel Nobelius and how, sixty years after his death, a local group spearheaded by Gus Ryberg fought for this land to become a memorial park to the nurseries Nobelius created.

Friday 11th October, 6pm - midnight.

Tickets available at 3mdr.com

\$15 for 3MDR subscribers

\$25 for non subscribers

\$10 concession

\$40 families (4 people)

Nat Grant - Manager 3MDR



Nobelius Heritage Park - Guided Tour November 17th

You will also learn about the history of the structures in the Park and understand Gus Ryberg's original concept for the Park and how this is reflected in the plantings he undertook as the Park's first curator.

If you are interested in knowing more about your local history or would just like a guided walk in a lovely place, please visit our website or Facebook page where booking details will be posted.

This is a free walk and, as an added incentive for gardeners, the annual Salvia Plant Sale will be taking place at 9.00 am on the same day.

Anne Carter

Emerald Museum

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October
27th
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Worrell Reserve Skate Park - on the way



A Skate Park will be built in Worrell Reserve during late 2024. It will be an important element in the overall redevelopment of Worrell Reserve, part of the Reserve Master Plan, which was completed in 2020.

The Skate Park construction was enabled by the Deputy Premier's announcement in July 2022 of a \$1m funding commitment. It will be built upon part of the now cleared area previously occupied by the Netball Club. The Skate Park will be Stage One of the netball area redevelopment.

At a later date, Stage Two will provide a purpose built dedicated multi use games area, additional landscaping, a second park shelter, improved seating, options for public use wi-fi and a skate bowl roof. The final detailed design of the Skate Park is based on wide community and stakeholder consultation undertaken by Cardinia Shire Council. The consultation process included multiple rounds of in-person sessions at the Emerald Hills Hub, Emerald Secondary College, engagement with the Worrell Reserve Committee, online surveys and social media such as the local EVER group.

The new Skate Park has been designed to capture the Top 5 skate elements that were chosen during the community consultation process. The design will ensure beginner, intermediate and advanced riders are catered for, with a wide variety of heights, angles and elements. The whole space has been designed to work with the existing landform, create clear and open entry points and to provide a variety of elements beyond those in other district skateparks.

At the Cardinia Council's meeting on Monday 19th August 2024 a contract for construction of the Skate Park was awarded to LJM Constructions. The construction work is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.



Howard Winter
Worrell Reserve Community
Asset Committee.

Coming along - - maybe Christmas finish??

Skateboards at the ready!!



NEW BRANCH IN EMERALD



Community Bank Emerald & District, proudly part of Bendigo Bank, is delighted to have opened its new full-service branch in Emerald. The opening marks a new chapter in the provision of exceptional banking services to the local community as well as an ATM.

The new branch, located at Shops 1-3, 344 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald, is staffed by the friendly, familiar and dedicated team from our Cockatoo-Gembrook branch who look forward to continuing to support the community with all their banking needs and to welcoming new customers to the new location.



"It's so important for our area to continue to have access to these services and we are so pleased that there is now a Bendigo Bank Community Bank branch here in Emerald"

Rev Ric Holland, Chair of Emerald & District Cooperative

Company Chair Deb Weber, along with Rev. Ric Holland, the Chair of Emerald & District Cooperative, officially opened the new branch.

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**Next market
Saturday October 14th**

Emerald Ladies Probud Club

Our club's unique "Royal Creative Show" was certainly a highlight last month as members proudly showcased their exhibits in a wide range of categories. Andrew Gardner from the Bendigo Bank was our special guest and as well as providing us with an update of the Bank's new office in Emerald, he also presented awards to our talented winners.

October is Seniors Month, History Month, and PROBUS month with activities and events being held all around Victoria. Later in the month we've organised a day trip to Marysville for all members, their partners and friends. We last visited Marysville shortly after the disastrous 2009 bushfires so it will be interesting to see the recovery of the town and resilience of its residents.

Following on from the popularity of the Wilson Botanic Park tour by mini-bus, graded walks are scheduled for Lysterfield Lake ending with a barbecue lunch on the "beach" for both walkers and non-walkers.

Our 'Make and Mingle' sessions where members can try a new activity with a skilled tutor are proving very popular. Local identity, renowned artist, and PROBUS member Chris Britton recently introduced members to the techniques of water-colour painting. This month we're trying our hand at Iris Folding papercraft, in time to make our own cards for Christmas.

Of course our regular monthly Coffee Mornings and Nosh & Natter lunches continue to provide opportunities for new friendships – as well as a break from cooking!

Emerald Ladies Probud Club is a fun social group which focuses on the needs and well-being of its members. We welcome retired and semi-retired ladies from around the district and we meet at the Emerald RSL on the third Monday of each month commencing at 10am. Our next meeting is Monday 21 October when our guest speaker will be Dean Brandum who will talk about the history of some of Melbourne's finest buildings.

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Our school Fair is a fabulous community event open to the public. A day full of fun, food, entertainment, amusements rides, market stalls and more.

We are seeking expressions of interest in the following.

Market Stalls

non-food stalls only

Kids Entertainment

face painting, petting zoo, pony rides, airbrush tattoos, balloon artist etc

Community Groups

host a community stall to advertise your local club or group.

Sponsorship Opportunities

sponsor a school stall and receive sponsorship advertising and exposure.

Donations

do you have goods or a service that you could donate to our raffle or auction?

If you are interested in any of these opportunities to be involved in our school Fair please email epsfair@outlook.com and we will be in touch.

Thank you and we hope to see you at the Fair!

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Friends of Emerald Lake Park

A very successful Trees for Weeds Swap was held in September in conjunction with Cardinia Shire Council outside the Emerald Library. Community members brought over fifty different types of weeds for identification, information was dispensed and hundreds of indigenous plants made their way into local gardens.

Due to storm damage in the Western Forest of Emerald Lake Park FELP have not been able to access these areas. The working bee with Emerald Secondary School students saw us all working together to move mulch around the large trees in the Gus Ryberg Arboretum. These mulch circles protect the trees and the tree identification signage from the mowers and provide water retention for the tree roots. The students worked really hard and did a great job. Well done and thanks for your continued help.

October will see us back in the forest (tracks all open now) for the Sycamore Blitz, removing small seedlings that are emerging. Saturday 5th and Sunday 13th. Community members are encouraged to come along. Meet at Lakeside car park at 9:00 till 11:00.

Contact FELP at friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com

Sheila Hampson - President



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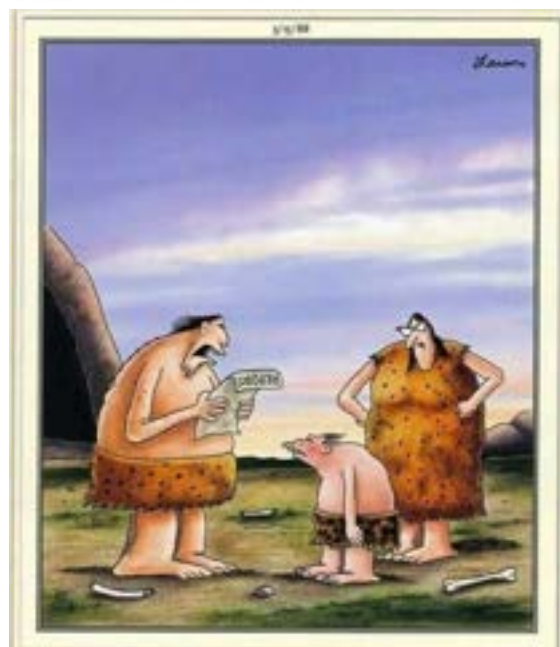
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We had a full month at Fernlea in September, from op shop antics to AFL fun in the respite centres. Having the sun come out to play has had an uplifting effect on us all! We've been able to get out in the fresh air and enjoy our surroundings, and our attention has been drawn to our gardens. We have such a lovely space behind the op shop that has become a hub of community activity and it's been buzzing even louder with the lovely weather.

Gardens

Did you know we take donations of plants, pots and gardening supplies. We've also started planting seedlings and cuttings to provide to our customers. Now we're going a step further and making over our produce garden. Over spring and summer, we'll be aiming to have a very productive garden so that we can offer the best of produce to our respite guests and the remainder to those in need in our community. If you'd like to help develop our gardens or can contribute a little or a lot of time to helping us get it up and going, please call in and see Kit and Kerry at the shop. Gardening is great for our mental and physical health and is a great way to contribute to the nutritional needs of our guests.

Dementia Friendly Town

I was honoured to be invited to speak at the EVA meeting last month to discuss Fernlea's plans for a dementia friendly town. We are still in the process of getting information kits out to businesses and organisations and are super excited about creating a positive, nurturing community, where people with dementia are treated with respect, dignity, kindness, and support. If you see people around town wearing purple heart pins, please take the time to be that little extra patient and helpful. We will have information nights coming up where you can learn more. Stay tuned for further details.

Lost Woods Market

We will be at The Lost Woods market in November at the community stall. Come in and have a chat, check out our massive Christmas raffle, maybe join our Friends of Fernlea loyalty program, or just find out how you can help us care for the most vulnerable in our community. Hope to see lots of friendly faces there!

Source

Dementia in Australia

Over 400K
Australians are living
with dementia

Dementia is the leading
cause of disease burden
in Australians over 65

Dementia
is the #1 cause
of death
for women

Dementia is the
#2 cause of
death in
Australia
after heart disease

People hospitalised for
dementia stay 5 times longer
than the average hospital stay

Nearly 2/3 of
Australians with
dementia are
women

Over half the
people in aged
care homes are
living with
dementia

Sarah Cole



Four 'N Twenty Pies

Remember When - The
Footy Show on Sunday mornings

LEAGUE TEAMS' PANEL -
CHANNEL 7 MELBOURNE.

For 15 years 'League Teams' was a ratings winner for Channel 7 Melbourne. It was a simple late night (Thursday) show that started in the 1960s, built around the announcement of the forthcoming week's VFL teams. But with Premiership players Bobby Davis (Geelong, left) Jack Dyer (Richmond, centre) and Lou Richards (Collingwood, right) at the desk, it became much more than that. IT WAS UNSCRIPTED, UNREHEARSED, COMPLETELY NATURAL, TOTALLY AUSTRALIAN AND VERY FUNNY.

These 'three wise monkeys' as they became known bought a new style of casual, good natured entertainment to Melbourne TV screens and we loved it. The Geelong Flyer' Bob Davis died in May 2011 aged 82. 'Captain Blood', Jack Dyer in August 2003 aged 89 - and most recently, 'Louie the Lip' Lou Richards, in May 2017 aged 94.

Clothing Swap Event

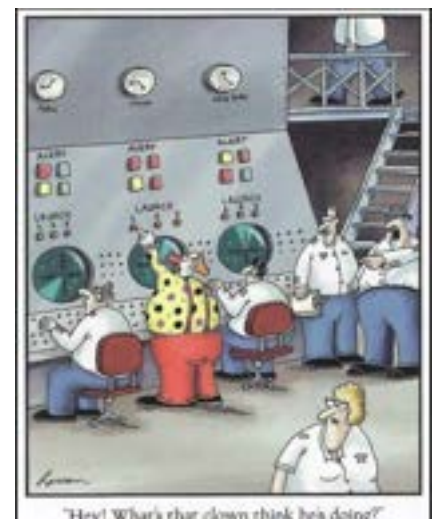
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Event details
Sunday 13 October
11am-1pm
Hills Hub
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This event is for people 18+.
Registration is essential.

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Bring up to 6 items of pre-washed clothing or accessories you value but no longer wear.
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For more information and to register go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/whatsontheshop

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Emerald Secondary College

Dear Car Clubs and Local Community

The Emerald Secondary College school captains are running a car show on the 19th October and are seeking expressions of interest from local car enthusiasts!

The purpose of this event is to increase the school's community involvement and provide an opportunity for the community to connect. As captains we are extremely excited to run this event and we would love to have you involved!

To enter a vehicle there will be a \$10 fee associated. All profits from the event will go towards the following areas: a bike shed for the college students wishing to ride to school, funding for elective resources and future student projects and organisations.

Alongside the main attraction of exotic vehicles, there will be a sausage sizzle, stalls from community groups, musical performances from our talented ESC students, and much more!

If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach out!

Contact us via email:

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If you are interested in entering your vehicle into our show, please access this google form for more information.

Car Show Application form

We would greatly appreciate it if you shared the event around! Put the poster up on your socials, forward this email, get the word out!

Thank you so much for your assistance and we hope to hear from you soon!

Kind regards,

The Emerald Secondary College Captaincy team
-Keilah Dewar, Mitchell Blackwell, Charlotte Scott and Lily Cochrane

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If you are interested drop in to the Ambos and have a chat.



Emerald Garden Club



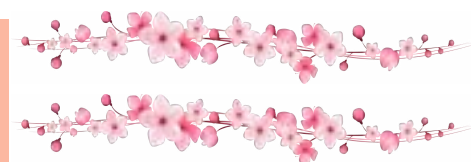
Next EGC meeting Thursday 10th Oct.
7.15pm. Art Society Hall Anne St.
Emerald. Speaker Trent Lane, speaking
about land regeneration on Christmas
Island. All welcome.

Gembrook Craft Group

Come for a spin in the Hills?

Gembrook Craft Group is offering a spinning course, 2 hours' tuition per week for 4 weeks, Mondays 10-12pm. Cost is \$125, which includes a 2nd hand spinning wheel to keep and an apron. A great beginners' course with a wheel to take home to practice on.

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***Annual Art Exhibition
Cup Weekend 2024
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**Saturday 2nd of November
to
Tuesday 5th of November
10am to 4pm**



Puffing Billy passengers will soon be treated to an exciting new experience under the stars: Twilight trains, operating every Thursday evenings kicking off on 10th October.

This 3.5-hour return trip from Belgrave to Lakeside offers a unique opportunity to take in the stunning Dandenong Ranges at dusk. Passengers can enjoy sitting on the carriage sill* as they travel through the twilight, arriving at Lakeside to relax with a meal, drinks, and a chance to explore the Lakeside Visitor Centre museum and Emerald Lake Park.

Twilight Trains will run every Thursday evening until 12 December 2024, offering a limited-time opportunity to experience Puffing Billy in a completely new light!

Ticket prices for infants three years and younger are free, while other ticket types include:

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There are many social groups you can join in including:

- Emerald U3A
- Emerald Men's Shed
- Emerald Village Association
- Puffing Billy Toy Library
- Hills Photographic Society
- Toastmasters
- For the Love of Dance
- Campbell Page
- Emerald Regional Beekeepers
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HILLS HUB

Emerald Arts Society
2024 Annual Art Exhibition

10am to 4pm
Saturday 2 November - Tuesday 5
November

We are looking forward to hosting the Emerald Arts Society's Annual Art Exhibition.

The winners are judged by a different artist of note each year. Most of the art exhibited is available for sale with a commission payable to the Arts Society.



Pictured above - Emerald Arts Society 2023 exhibition

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Clothing Swap Event - FREE!

11am - 1pm
Sunday 13 October
Hills Hub Hall



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Registrations now open: **Kids Fun Run PB Station, Gembrook** on Sun 24th Nov

5th October from 8pm, **Open Stage Night** at Gemco

5th October 7pm - 11:30 pm, **Karaoke** at Cockatoo RSL

5th October 8.30 - 1.30pm **Cockatoo Country Market**

5th October 8pm **Live Comedy with Dave Hughes** at Olinda Community House

Sat 5th & Sun 13th **FELP Sycamore Blitz**, Meet 9am at Lakeside carpark

6th Oct 2pm - **Flying Hubcaps** playing a 1 hour acoustic set at the Cockatoo RSL

7th Oct Term 3 **Play Therapy Centre Emerald**, <https://wwwFOUNDATIONSforchildhood.com.au/>

9th October 7pm, **"Meet the Candidates"** public meeting at the Hills Hub

9th Oct - **Kid's Art Classes** for primary age, at the Emerald Art Society

10th Oct- 7:15pm **Emerald Garden Club**, Guest speaker Trent Lane Arts Society Hall Anne St.

10th Oct 10am-4pm **Climate Parliamentary Inq Hearing** Puffing Billy Lakeside Centre

11th October 6pm - midnight, **3MDR Radiothon** at Sooki Lounge Belgrave

12th October, 9am – 2pm, **Lost Woods Market**, beside Emerald PBR station

13th October 11 – 1pm, **Clothing Swap Event & Mending workshop**, at the Hills Hub

13th October 2pm – 6pm, **Pakenham Twilight Creators Market** at PB Ronald Reserve

15th Oct 10:30 am – 12:30 **U3A Musicians & Choir**, Emerald Evergreens Snr Cits Centre

16th Oct M/tea 10am Lakeview Room; 11am **Royal Aust Navy Big Band**, Cardinia Cult Ctr

18th & 20th **Puffing Billy 'Day out with Thomas'**

19th Oct 10am – 2pm, **Spring Launch - family activities & promos** Murphy's Mitre10

19th October 10am – 2pm, **Car Show Emerald Secondary College** 10am-2pm

19th October, **Emerald Tennis Club Trivia Night** at Emerald RSL

20th October 10am – 3pm, **Emerald Craft & Produce Market**

23rd October 7:30pm EVA **Community Awards Night** at the Hills Hub

25th October 7–9am, EDRA **Business Breakfast "Are You Fire Season Ready"** at Hills Hub

25th October **Pitstop Alley Rockin' Blues** at Emerald RSL

26th October 11.30am – 4pm, **Emerald Primary School Fair**

26th Oct 9am-3pm, **Yarra Valley Varroa M'ment Training Wshop**, Gembrook Comm Centre

26th Oct, **Puffing Billy Running Festival: 1.2km Kids Dash & 5km Family Fun Run/Walk**

27th Oct, **Puffing Billy Running Festival**: up to 3,000 participants race 'Billy' fr Belgrave to Emerald Lake Park; 13.5 km 'Classic' Run & the 21.1km road and trail half marathon.

27th October 9am - 2pm, **Gembrook market** at the Community Centre

27th Oct 1:30 - 4pm, **Sip 'n' Paint** at the Emerald RSL

29th October, Rotary **Primary Schools Speech Contest** at Cockatoo Primary School

31st Oct;1st & 2nd Nov - **A Night at the Museum Halloween night experience** on P/Billy

Regular monthly events:

- 1st Thurs monthly 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Emerald Library, **Lego Club @ Emerald Library**
- 1st & 3rd Tues mthly 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Emerald Library, **Creative Haven - Craft Group**
- 3rd Thursday monthly 4 – 5pm, **Creative Kids** at Emerald Library
- 3rd Thursday monthly 7:15pm **Emerald Garden Club** Arts Society Hall Anne St.
- 3rd Monday monthly 10AM, **Probus Meetings**
- Every Monday 10am – 11.30am, **maintenance volunteers at Emerald Cemetery**
- Every Tuesday evening 7pm, **Rotary meeting at The Paradise Hotel** Emerald
- Every Wed 10am – 3pm & Sunday 12 – 3pm **the Emerald Museum**



Congratulations to the Emerald CBA
Taking a positive approach to a difficult situation.

Drop off your green waste for FREE from Monday 7 to Sunday 13 October! These events accept residential amounts of green waste including:

- garden prunings
- tree branches and trunks (up to 30 centimetres wide and 1 metre long)
- weeds, grass clippings, leaves, and flowers.

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Well, I guess that ain't a bad story--but let me tell you about the time I lost this!"

Nominate for a Cardinia Shire 2025 Australia Day Award

Cardinia Shire Council is excited to announce that nominations are now open for the 2025 Australia Day Awards.

This is your chance to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals and community events that have made a significant impact on our community.

Award Categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year



Late one night Jack takes a shortcut through the cemetery. Hearing a tapping sound he becomes scared and quickens his pace. The tapping gets louder and Jack is now scared out of his wits. Then he notices a man chiselling a tombstone. "Thank goodness!" Jack says to the man. "You gave me a fright of my life. Why are you working so late?" "They spelt my name wrong."*

GO TO: Cardinia Shire Website

A Tribute to Roly Betheras - Emerald Sporting Legend

Roland (Roly) Betheras was born and bred in Emerald. Here are some tributes to Roly, who passed on not long ago, written by three Emerald people who knew Roly well - Bill Pell, Elisabeth Middleton and Alan Chandler.

"Since his given names were Roland Andrew Gibson (RAG) it is not surprising the Roly Betheras' nickname at school was Rags or Raggy. But "laggy" he wasn't. Roly was one of Emerald's sporting stars in the 1950's and played for both the Emerald Cricket Club and the Emerald Football Club. He is in the Hall of fame for the latter, and was still a regular visitor to the Club up until his death earlier this year. Roly lived all his younger life at Tivoli gardens in Clematis, a huge house (still standing) which had been built by the Australian Jam Company (AJC) at the turn of the 20th century to accommodate their original berry farm's manager, A J Williams.

Roly's father, John Betheras, purchased the company from AJC. The house has a long wide front verandah (the length of a cricket pitch), and this is where Roly got his first class cricket coaching from his father. In the grounds, his father taught him, when he was about 10 years old, to kick a football with either foot, which is a 'must' for AFL players these days, but was then much rarer."

Extract from an article for Signpost Magazine by Bill Pell



Roly with Al Chandler at the footy at Chandler Reserve.

Caricature of Roly drawn in London in the 1960s by well known British artist, Lucien Freud on the back of a pub's menu. A remarkable likeness.



"Roland's family owned their farm still called "Tivoli" on Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Clematis. His interest in football and cricket started when he was a student at Upwey High School. I played football with Roly for 3 or 4 years. He was good, so much so, a captain and coach of an opposing team got so frustrated he knocked Roly "out cold". This started an all in fight amongst all the players. Meantime Roly is laying on the ground with his arms crossed. After the match I went down to the hospital - he was still laying there on a trolley with his arms crossed. Back then the game was pretty rugged. Roly played centre half back and centre half forward and played in the Grand Final that year.

After leaving Emerald, Roly went on to play football for Camberwell in the VFA. His proudest moment was to see his son Rupert, play in the Collingwood AFL team.

Roly became a well-known sporting identity not only around the Hills, but later being involved in the Flinders Cricket Club.

Roly played sub-district cricket for Kew in the 1960s before coming back to play for Clematis and Emerald. Roly was captain of Emerald A grade for the year 1973. He was an excellent batsman and fast bowler which led him to represent the Yarra Valley at country week.

On leaving Emerald some years later, Roly played cricket with Flinders and spent time coaching up and coming young cricketers

In appreciation he has an Honour Board on the wall of the Club House. Vale Roly."

Tribute from mate, Alan Chandler

"My husband Hugh knew him through being his neighbour at Clematis, both travelling on the bus to Upwey High School in the fifties. I believe Roly had a stellar career as a cricketer and footballer. He played a large part in the establishment of the Clematis Bus Stop Book Exchange (now on Google) by donating an old fridge, painted up and offering words of wisdom about books. His photo is still there on the back of the fridge door, even though the fridge and bus shelter are no longer used for books as they have been superseded by a small shed."

A "reflection" from friend - Elisabeth Middleton



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Meeting Evie

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But she is a little bit nervous about meeting new people.

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Evie

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