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FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE OPENING: IT'S A TRANSFORMATION!



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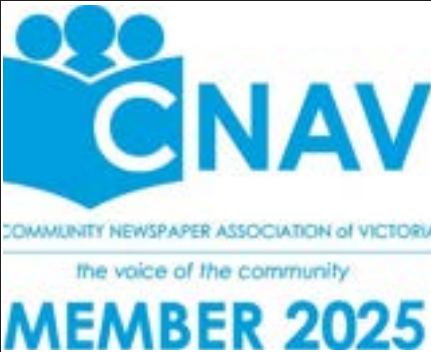
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We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Emerald Village Association Inc. operates in Emerald, Eastern Dandenong Ranges.

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

Fernlea Community House

Thank you Emerald! If you attended the Fernlea Community House open day on May 31st, you will have seen the results of months of hard work by many people in our community. The day began with a ribbon cutting ceremony with a heartfelt and personal speech by CEO, Sarah Cole. Sarah talked about the importance of community and the special bonds that we are privileged to share in our community. Cardinia Council Mayor, Jack Kowarzik, and MP, Daniela De Martino, joined Sarah in expressing their commitment to community and their support for the FCH. Together with new house manager, Kerry McGregor, the ribbon was cut and the public flowed through the doors to discover a new and vibrant space. A combination of luxury, warmth, and dignity shone through the revamped premises, and community members enjoyed refreshments, connections, and discussions with staff, tutors, and each other as they explored. The day turned into an afternoon of relaxation, music, and many discussions about the possibilities of the space...think pizza ovens, community nights, productive gardens, support resources, homelessness support, classes, and an ever expanding list of facilities.

The house will be open from Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm and outside of these hours by arrangement.

You're welcome to drop in any time to enjoy the space, chat with others, have a cup of tea, or just curl up in the corner to read a book. **Over the next few weeks**, services such as mental health support, MoneyMinded coaching, chat with MP's and councillors will become available. There are multiple spaces to hire for your next meeting, club discussion, or activity. The Puffing Billy Toy Library will also be operating from the premises. Fernlea Community House is a place where everyone belongs and all are welcome. The premises is fully accessible and provides resources and shower facilities for anyone faced with homelessness, an extensive food pantry in the very near future to relieve some of the current financial demands on people, and a place where nothing is asked of you other than to respect each other. This is a true community space.

If you would like to be part of a thriving initiative, call in and say hello. Maybe volunteer a few hours, or bring your ideas to help FCH grow and bring more exciting initiatives to our community. Kerry and Sarah are available to chat with you and offer you more information.

Special thank you to Kate Cashin for the beautiful photos taken on the day.

Emerald Village Association - President's Report

Never a month goes by with out something interesting happening in our town. We have a vibrant community and we enjoy a great environment. This happens because we have a connected Cardinia Shire and many very active community groups. And your EVA is across all of this and embraces all that happens around us.

Your Emerald News

EVA has two fantastic editors of your newsletter who take turns to design and publish each month - Heather Bishop and Dona Martin. Thanks ladies. This edition is presented to you by Heather.

CCTV Cameras

Have you noticed we have multiple cameras in place around Emerald. We contacted Council and they advised that they are part of a traffic/parking survey as part of Hills township strategy refreshments and should be taken down within 2 weeks.

Fernlea Community House.

We feature this major development in Emerald. It is paramount we have a totally inclusive community house and this is what Fernlea has presented - in spades. We look forward to all the services they present for us. Even a Repair Shop to reduce waste in disposal of old tools and stuff.

MND Big Freeze

A fantastic day at Chandler last Sunday for our second BIG Slide event to help Matt Stickland fight MND.. Full report inside.

Puffing Billy Playground

The playground in Kilvington Drive will be redeveloped into what EVA sees as a modern community "Village Green" for the residents and visitors to Emerald to enjoy. It is our hope that one day Puffing Billy will again start their trips from Emerald - in both directions. This makes sense as Emerald is the centre of the trip. We shall wait and watch developments.

Council have already held two discussion sessions and many residents have had their say - including ideas like a music Sound Shell and a seniors exercise area. Just what I need!



Peter Maloney

Neighbourhood Watch Eastern Ranges

You would have read in the last edition of Emerald News that EVA initiated the revitalisation of this community program that existed in Emerald many years ago.

Well, things are progressing and many residents are registering their support. Please jump on board. No commitment, just an expression of support.

The QR code is inside for you to scan.

Feedback

Please, if you have any ideas for us or would like to contribute or support us please make contact.





KING'S BIRTHDAY TRADING HOURS

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE
8.30 AM - 2.00 PM

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE
9.30 AM - 12.30 PM

MONDAY 9TH JUNE
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Puffing Billy Place Reserve - Masterplan Development

Summary of the EVA Submission to Cardinia Shire Council

The EVA thanks Cardinia Shire Council for accepting a late submission for meeting with representatives of the EVA to hear and discuss the EVA perspectives.

The EVA is supportive of the Council in taking a planned approach for Puffing Billy Place Reserve Emerald for undertaking a program of community consultation. However, the EVA has fundamental concerns in relation to the Masterplan & the engagement process used by Council.

The EVA submission is based on the need to not only address those concerns but to strongly urge Council to pause the project to enable those concerns to be considered and addressed to deliver a satisfactory outcome.

Our submission centres on four fundamental issues and concerns.

1. A masterplan for Puffing Billy Place Reserve Emerald should only proceed within the context of an overall concept plan which embraces the entire Emerald Railway Station precinct and surrounds and potential plans by Puffing Billy Railway. The concept plan needs to consider the use and development of land in the area surrounding the Emerald Railway Station precinct, including the interface with the extensive range of commercial and community functions, facilities and services in the Emerald Village Centre including the monthly Lost Woods Market, Emerald Primary School, Gemco, Fernlea, Hogan Park Bushland Reserve, Scout

Hall, RSL, Anzac Walk, Village Heritage Walk, tourism generally and a series of businesses that rely extensively for their financial viability on the playground visitors & tourists, and the developing role of the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail

2. A full understanding of the role that the playground area plays in the life of Emerald Village, including its role as the village meeting place – effectively a town park, ‘town square’ – village green. Emerald lacks an outdoor gathering place that is friendly and inviting for people of all ages and abilities; the playground area and immediate surrounds have become that place, a playground plan considerably understates the current role, likely potential, identified opportunities and what is needed to guide development and investment.

3. While Council has set aside funds for design, at no stage has Council identified a forward budget for construction. This raises many issues but also provides substantial opportunities. The current lack of commitment to fund the project is an impediment, but it means that it is not imperative to proceed immediately with the finalisation of a plan which deals only with an unfunded playground. The EVA's position is that the whole initiative needs to be rethought with a longer-term project, that is most to be much more ambitious vision and plan, where the playground would be stage one.



4. The EVA has been concerned from the commencement of this project at the approach to community engagement and consultation program conducted by Council. We have consistently argued for a co-design process. Co-design is an approach which is being used extensively it is a collaborative approach to design where multiple stakeholders, including end-users, are actively involved in the design and development process. It aims to create solutions that are more relevant, effective, and satisfying to the people who will use them. The EVA is keen to work with Council to help produce the best possible outcomes for our community.

Trevor Budge - EVA Planning, Tourism & Environment Sub-committee



Ray Spencer, Trevor Budge and Steven Swain from EVA met with Cr Nickell and three staff from Cardinia Shire Council on 29 May to discuss the EVA submission and elaborate on it. This was a very productive meeting and the Council officers have a much better understanding of our submission and EVA better understands the background work that has gone into it. Officers also shared the preliminary responses to the community engagement program on the draft design and the strong support provided for some key aspects of the design. Council officers are now giving further consideration to the wider context issues that the EVA has highlighted. Further discussions will take place.

Hills Preparedness Emergency KIT COMING SOON!

What is this? The kits are quality bags designed to be used as your personal Ready Get Go carry-all after you have read the contents and understood the importance of the information provided.

KEY MESSAGE PREPAREDNESS

The key to emergency preparedness in high-risk bushfire & storm areas is a multi-faceted approach: planning, preparation, and awareness. Specifically, this includes creating a comprehensive emergency plan, establishing an emergency kit, knowing your "safer place," preparing your property and garden, staying informed, and mentally preparing for potential events.



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KEY MESSAGE RESILIENCE

The key to resilience in the first 72 hours after a disaster when Staying Put is Prior Preparation for Self-Sufficiency *Plan for Non-perishable Food and Clean Water. *Consider backup Power, or alternative lighting, heating and Sanitation *Stay Calm and Informed: Monitor ABC news media & follow official instructions *Practice relaxation techniques *Prioritize Safety

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Fridge Magnet



42-page Booklet



THIS PROJECT IS AN EASTERN RANGES COLLABORATION



The Hills Region Emergency Preparedness 'Kit' Project

funded by a small AusNet Grant, is an EVA initiative that has brought together volunteers from all Hills communities.

We aim to help new residents know what do they need to do to care for themselves for the first 72 hours after an emergency event.

The 'Kit' will be Ready Get Go bags in black & white, which should be used to pack with essentials needed when leaving home in a hurry. Most of the contents have been donated by established Emergency organisations who have excellent, current material on their websites. The issue we are trying to address, is bringing this information to the attention of those not aware of the potential dangers and unique ways that some of our infrastructure works here in the hills.

We are working on putting together Local Information as well. Daniela De Martino has donated fridge magnets and a brochure and Jason Wood will contribute by printing our Local Information flyers in colour. We're talking with VICSES and CFAs; primary schools, community houses and soon real estate agents.

Heather Bishop, EVA Inc.

Introducing Online Lifestyle Co.

Local Marketing With Heart



Online Lifestyle Co. is a family-run digital marketing agency proudly based in Emerald since 2023. Operated by locals Brendan and Tasha Tibballs (with Max the dog as chief snack tester), the business offers tailored services in Social Media Management, Website Design, and Facebook & Google Ad Management.

Brendan grew up in the hills and recently returned with the family to settle back into the community they love. Their children attend Emerald Primary and Kinder and are active in local groups like AusKick, Gemco and art classes.

You'll find Online Lifestyle Co. at 396 Belgrave Gembrook Rd, sharing space with the Emerald Denture Clinic run by Brendan's dad, Warwick.

Whether it's walking Max around Pepi's or enjoying Emerald Lake, this family is deeply connected to the area - and passionate about helping other local businesses thrive online.

Contact Tash: 0407 870 267

or Brendan 0423 200 952

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Free Green Waste Drop Off in June

Council's FREE green waste drop-off events! | Cardinia Shire Council
cardinia.vic.gov.au

Council's green waste drop-off events are a free service accepting residential amounts of green waste including:

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

Residents must present photo ID as proof of residence within Cardinia Shire to access the free service. Waste will only be accepted from residential vehicles and trailers; commercial business operators cannot use this service.

**Future Recycling Transfer Station,
30-32 Exchange Drive, Pakenham JUNE:
Sat 7th Mon 9th & Sat 14th - 8am to 2pm
Tue-Fri 10th 11th 12th 13th 8am to 3:30pm**

Residents can also take advantage of the free e-waste and battery disposal option at the Transfer Station.

For more information about Council's green waste drop-off events, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/dropoff call Council's Customer Service team 1300 787 624



AusNet Customer Consultative Committee

Every five years, AusNet submits a proposal for its electricity distribution network to the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) for review. This proposal sets out the services Ausnet will deliver, the standards of the services and the cost of delivering those services. Extensive engagement underpins the development of these plans.

Electricity Distribution Price Review (EDPR) timeline ranges from a Jan '25 proposal submitted to AER, Sep '25 AER Draft Decision, Dec '25 revised proposal submitted, Apr '26 AER final decision and July '27 new regulatory arrangements commence.

For more details: [Community Hub](#)

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is responsible for the Victorian Government's energy policies. In August 2024, DEECA published their Plan for Victoria's Electricity Future. In 2025, DEECA is looking to develop a consumer guide to support community understanding of the energy transition.

Victoria's energy transition involves various activities impacting households and communities. The government aims to inform consumers and promote an inclusive outlook on the transition. Research shows: 56% of households understand the need for clean energy transition. Only 19% believe the government has clearly explained the transition's impact on households. Fifty-one (51)% of consumers feel the government has not effectively communicated the transition. The energy information landscape is complex and crowded.

For more details: [Energy Victoria](#)

George Trojan



WHERE AM I?

Have you seen these signs as you drive around the hills?

Where is this particular one? First correct entry qualifies for a cake and coffee at the Captains of Emerald. (I can recommend the lamingtons)

Dick Bartley,
dickbartley08@gmail.com



Last month we were in Memorial Dve outside St Marks Church.

The hole (no! you could not see China) was very deep. The new development on Westlands Rd required an upgrade of the sewerage system. No winner this month. No one is admitting they had a sticky beak down to the bottom.

HOW SAFE IS MY HOUSE QUIZ

There are some general questions about your home and neighbourhood. You will be able to securely download your report. Neighbourhood Watch does not keep a copy of your report.

Click here to take the test:

<https://howsafeismyplace.com.au/house/>



Neighbourhood Watch Eastern Ranges



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**Message to all residents of the
Eastern Ranges - OUR HOME
PLEASE REGISTER WITH NHW
EASTERN RANGES.**

**It is in your interest
to have a safe place to live.
JUST DO IT!!**

On Tuesday 13th May the combined communities members of Cockatoo, Gembrook, Emerald, Upper Beaconsfield, Macclesfield and Menzies Creek met to name our local Neighbourhood watch. The decision was - **Neighbourhood Watch Eastern Ranges.**

The QR code on this page will take you to the membership application form, which you can

complete and then submit. You do not need a police check. Office bearers will need a police check to ensure they are trustworthy residents who will represent their communities. We encourage all residents to

become members.

Once you have submitted your application form, you will have access to the members platform on the Neighbourhood Watch website. There you will find

guide documents which are a great resource if you have a problem or would like to see how to make your home safer.

Each month an article will be in Emerald News, 3781 News, The Village Bell, and soon online.

There will be a tip each month on how to keep yourself and your assets safe...see article on

car security further on in this issue.

We are planning community events that will again help to protect your assets. Special anti theft screws for your number plates, engraving on your bike and other strategies will be featured.

A special thankyou to Emerald Lions, as they have donated a popup banner to advertise Neighbourhood Watch Eastern Ranges.

Some of the most common questions asked:

"You're a police program right?"

Nope. We started out as a Victoria Police program, but for the last 12yrs we're been an independent, community based charity. We still work closely with Victoria Police though, on community crime prevention.

"Isn't Neighbourhood Watch just a bunch of old people spying on their neighbours?"

Neighbourhood Watchers come from the whole community. Over the years our work has evolved, but at our core we still help people learn how to protect themselves from crime. We're also about encouraging neighbours to get to know one another, interact and work together to create strong, vibrant, safe, connected neighbourhoods.

Rotary Club of Emerald and District

Election Day on 3rd May was also Rotary's Trivia Night extravaganza at The Hub. The event was a "sell out" and those who attended had such a fun evening that stretched to a game called "Coin toss. Never heard of it? Doubt if half the attendees had but it had most people throwing coins to score a bottle.

Our next fun activity open to all is Sip & Paint on 13th June at the Hub. Booking link:

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

An environmental success this year has been working with Ecology & Restoration Aust (ERA) in Wrights Forest to install nesting hollows.



In July 2024 the Environment and Sustainability Committee became aware that due to the severe storms that have occurred over the last few years, damage has occurred to the wildlife's natural habitat in and around Wrights Forest Cockatoo, reducing the amount of safe shelter & breeding spots for birds and small marsupials. It was decided that this was a Project that needed addressing. Emerald Rotary joined forces with Cardinia Shire, Yarra Ranges, Parks Victoria, and ERA a local company based in Avonsleigh, to investigate what was required, how much funding was needed and how this was to be achieved.

Emerald Rotary donated funds, and additional funds were sourced from a Rotary District grant to assist. The task was delayed due to the Bushfires in Northern Victoria; however, ERA have now successfully installed the nesting hollows, completing the project in late April with 25 hollows, in three sites of Wrights Forest. The hollows have been set at various heights with different sizes of entry holes to suit all species of birds that use hollows and various small marsupials. We expect that in spring residency to be taken by birds and small marsupials as soon as they find the hollows. Inspection of the sites will happen on a regular basis by Members of the Rotary Club of Emerald & District, ERA, and Friends of Wrights Forest. Many thanks to Alana Begg (ERA) for overseeing this project, the installation team, Rotary members of the Environment Committee & Parks Victoria.

We have several "offshoot" groups these days including a Book Club, who meet monthly to discuss? Perhaps menus as much as books as we work our way around many wineries and restaurants. Plus, a Sunday walking group that on a walk to Emersleigh Estate, a local winery mooted the idea of the Club undertaking a walking holiday and 16 of us are now in training to undertake the 3 Capes Walk in Tasmania over 4 days in December.

Volunteers Week on Sunday 25th May this was the second year that a team of members attended the Volunteers Expo at the Hub.



Showcasing our various activities that encompass the Community, Youth, Environment, Vocational and fun we met with many of the community members who we are hoping will be interested in what Rotary has to offer them going forward. Taking this option to the next level and a first for the Club we are inviting those of you who have thought about joining a community organisation but are not sure if Rotary is the right fit for you or think that you would not qualify. We are offering an Invitation to our **Open House on Tuesday 24th June** for an evening of connection, community and discovery. "Rotary Revealed." from 7.00–8.30pm at the Paradise Valley Hotel. Entry is free and limited to 60. To attend a booking is required via Trybooking. [Book here](#)

For **Sip & Paint Fri 13th June** at the Hills Hub [Book Here](#)

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

**Shalini Penny,
Publicity**



**Eastern Spinebill****Photographer, Pauline van de Pavoordt**

I have lived in Emerald for 16 years, and retired 5 years ago. This gave me the opportunity to start doing things I had always been interested in but didn't have time for. The first class I joined was the photography class at Emerald U3A, and I subsequently joined Hills Photographic Society, also in Emerald, with meetings held at the Hub.

I became interested in bird photography during the first covid lockdowns, when a very long daily walk was in order to fill some time. I wanted to practice new skills, and thought that trying to photograph a fast moving target would be a challenge, and it is!

After taking notice of birds in the general area, I started to take an active interest in birds that live on my block, which is just over an acre. It has been heavily planted with both native and ornamental plants, and provides a haven for birds.

I began documenting any birds that I saw in my garden, with the criteria being that I had to see them actually in the garden, not just flying overhead, other-wise I could claim wedge tailed eagles as inhabitants!

To date, I have counted 39 species, and I am sure there are more that I haven't seen. We have a hollow tree in our front yard, which is occupied each breeding season, either by kookaburras or crimson rosellas. If the kookaburras don't move in the rosellas take over.

Some of the species I have seen are-

White throated treecreepers, spotted pardolotes, eastern whip birds, satin bowerbirds, king parrots, rainbow lorikeets, yellow tailed black cockatoos, and a variety of wrens, honeyeaters and thornbills.

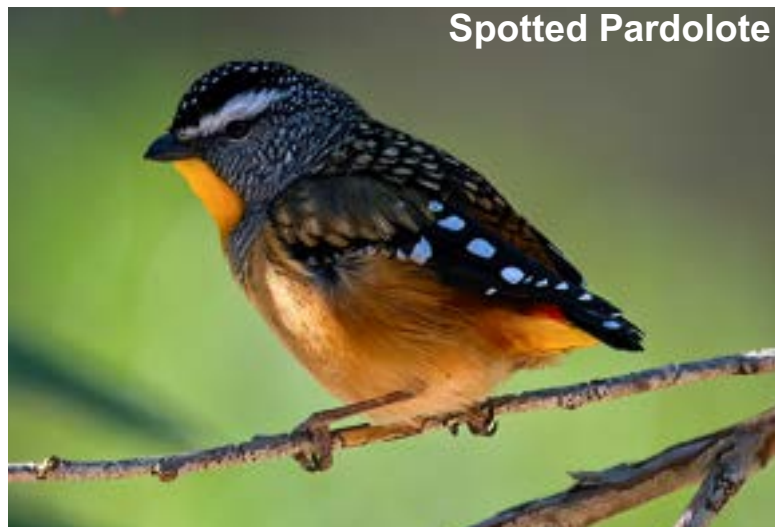
What started out as something challenging to photograph has now become a passion, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time learning about the birds in

my garden and observing their habits. I now consider myself a fully fledged bird nerd!

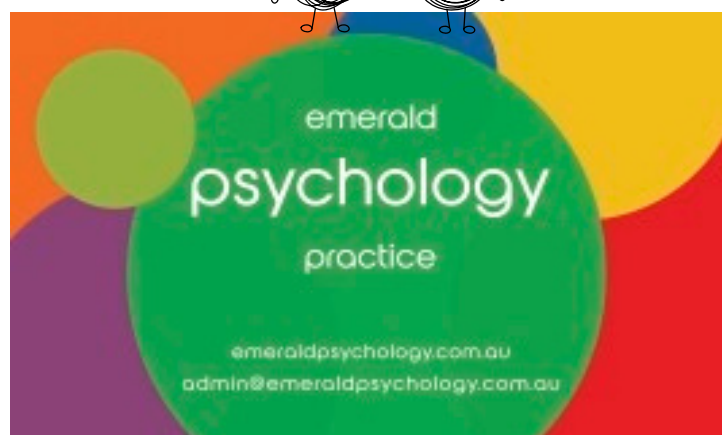
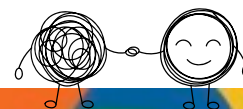
There are many little birds that love to hide in the dense foliage, my favourites being eastern spine bills, yellow robins, and red browed finches. Spotted pardolotes can be spotted high in the branches of gums, only coming down to breed in hollows in

FLORA AND FAUNA INVITATION

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**Spotted Pardolote**

banks of earth during breeding season. As a natural progression from local bird photography, I now travel to several bird hot spots further away. The most amazing of these is the Western Treatment Plant near Avalon airport, where you can regularly see groups of brolgas, and some rare birds not seen in many places in Victoria.

Pauline

A termite walks into the bar and asks, 'Is the bar tender here?'

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Music Notes

Lyrebirds Community Choir

Hi everyone, it's Elise here. Since I have joined Emerald News as a volunteer helper and have already been sharing a few details about The Lyrebirds Choir, I thought it was time I formally introduced myself.

Some of you will know me either through my previous role as Manager of the Cockatoo/ Gembrook Community Bank Branch, or as co-owner of Brunch on McBride which my husband Paul & I have owned since 2015.

What you may not be aware of is that I am also a local singer/songwriter and I am passionate about local music and the opportunities that are around for people to attend or participate in, and there are many of them. There are so many talented locals, young, old and somewhere in-between, who I am sure would welcome local support. So while still keeping you up to date on all things Lyrebirds, in coming editions I would also like to report on anything music in general.

Now on to the Lyrebirds! We had a wonderful day on Mother's Day performing at The Belgrave Big Dreams Market, and our next gig which we are VERY excited about will be at The Belgrave Lantern Festival on Saturday the 21st of June. The festival starts at 5.00pm so rug up in your winter woollies and come along. It's going to be a great night.

Oh, and The Lyrebirds are currently searching for more male choir members, so if this sounds like you, why not come along for a look?

Monday evenings, during School Terms 7.15 to 9.00pm at St Lukes Church in Cockatoo.

Elise Turnege

Lyrebirds Community Choir

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2025 SEASON DATES	
8 JUN	INTERLEAGUE (KINGS BIRTHDAY NO GAME)
15 JUN	U10 CARNIVAL & MEALS NIGHT (RD 9)
16 JUN	TEAM PHOTOS (SESSION AT TRAINING)
22 JUN	GIRLS ROUND (RD 10)
23 JUN	PIE NIGHT (SESSION AT TRAINING)
29 JUN	MEALS NIGHT (RD 11)
4 JUL	U11'S NIGHT GAME & DISCO (AFTER GAME) (RD 12)
13 JUL	WINTER HOLIDAY (NO GAME)
20 JUL	U9 CARNIVAL (RD 13)
27 JUL	LAST ROUND (RD 14)
03 AUG	SEMI FINALS
10 AUG	GRAND FINAL & PRELIMS (OLDER)
17 AUG	GRAND FINAL (OLDER TEAMS)
14 SEP	PRESENTATION DAY



Emerald Men's Shed Inc.

We are always seeking sponsorships to enable us to obtain those extra items, so we are pleased to acknowledge some recent sponsorship deals. The Bendigo Bank has agreed to contribute towards the purchase of new Shed shirts.



Gem Signs has produced a prominent sign in our front window – you can't miss it as you pass by.

A-View Glass has provided glass for a recent job. There have been negotiations with Cardinia Council to extend the area the Shed occupies at the Hills Hub, to provide an extra storage area and a quiet space for meetings and reading area.

Stuart Allen
Secretary



Heritage - The beginning of the modern co-operative movement

As we celebrate the 80th birthday of the Emerald Cooperative it is valuable to reflect on the history and heritage of the cooperative movement and its international recognition. The earliest record of a co-operative comes from Fenwick, Scotland where in March 14, 1761, in a barely furnished cottage, local weavers manhand-led a sack of oatmeal into John Walker's whitewashed front room and began selling the contents at a discount, forming the Fenwick Weavers' Society.



There is a plethora of records of co-operatives that started out as small grassroots organisations in Western Europe, North America and Japan in the middle of the nineteenth century. However, it is the Rochdale Pioneers in England that are generally regarded as the prototype of the modern co-operative society and the founders of the Co-operative movement in 1844.

An independently formulated co-operative model developed in Germany by Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen and Franz Hermann Schultz-Delitsch who originally formed credit unions in 1862. Since then, the model has grown into other sectors and inspired the growth of financial co-operatives across the world.

The principles that underpinned co-operatives' way of doing business are still accepted today as the foundation upon which all co-operatives operate. These principles have been revised and updated but remain essentially the same as those practiced by the Pioneers in 1844. Today internat-

ionally the sector is estimated to have around 1 billion members. Co-operatives employ, directly or indirectly, 250 million people around the world. The International Co-



operative Alliance was founded in London, England in 1895 during the 1st Co-operative Congress. In attendance were delegates from co-operatives from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, England, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, India, Italy, Switzerland, Serbia, and the USA. Representatives established the Alliance's aims to provide information, define and defend the Co-operative Principles and develop international trade. The Alliance was one of the only international organisations to survive both World War I and World War II. Overcoming all the political differences between its members was difficult, but the Alliance survived by staying committed to peace and democracy, and by remaining politically neutral.

On June 19, 2024 the United Nations' General Assembly proclaimed 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, underscoring the vital role co-operatives play in sustainable development. This year's theme "Cooperatives Build a Better World" underscores the enduring global impact of cooperatives, positioning them as essential solutions to

today's global challenges.

It highlights their contributions to sustainable development across social, economic, and environmental dimensions, showing how co-operatives are key drivers in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

The theme also emphasizes the unique ability of cooperatives to foster inclusive growth and strengthen community resilience.

The Committee for the Promotion and Advancement of Co-operatives (COPAC) a multi-stakeholder partnership uniting UN agencies and the International Co-operative Alliance, serves as the host of the International Year by championing and supporting people-centred and self-sustaining cooperative enterprises as leaders in sustainable development.

Trevor Budge

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Emerald Museum News

Our band of volunteers at the Emerald and District Museum has been even busier than usual with various happenings and projects.

Most recently, we had an exhibit at the 2025 Volunteer Expo at The Hub which was a great opportunity for us to promote the work of the Museum and provide information to potential volunteers as well as to find out about the work that other community organizations are doing. A big thank you to Lions Emerald and District for making this Expo happen.

On 18 May we had a Heritage Day where visiting families enjoyed playing various games of yesteryear which were set up at various locations in Nobelius Heritage Park. We also conducted a guided walk of Nobelius Heritage Park where the participants were captivated by the stunning Autumn colors whilst hearing about historical information about the Park.



Emerald Museum stand at the 2025 Volunteers Expo at the Hub

Finally, we have been in the process of uploading digitized copies of the ledgers and cash books of the Nobelius Nursery (aka the Gembrook Nurseries) to Victorian Collections. The digitized nursery ledgers, many well over 100 years old, will provide valuable historical information about the operations of this famous Nursery for researchers as well as for anybody interested in horticulture and history.

At the end of this year's Volunteer Week, just a reminder that if you think you might be interested in becoming a volunteer at the Museum, you are most welcome to visit the Museum on Wednesdays 10.00 – 3.00 or Sundays 12.00 – 3.00 to have a chat and find out what it's all about. You can also contact us through the Museum website or Facebook page.

Anne Carter



Press Release

Door knocking for pet registration begins soon.

From Saturday 7th June, licensed Regi-Check ambassadors will be door knocking households in Cardinia Shire to educate residents on the importance and benefits of registering their pets.

[Click here to read the full release online.](#)

Kind regards,

Stephanie Ekanayake

Communications Business

Partner, Cardinia Shire Council



ECHO is hosting a FREE gaming and hangout event for young people during the winter school holidays! On Wednesday 16th July we will be running video games, virtual reality, nerf wars and giant board games at St Marks Hall.

Kindest Regards,

Megan Oshri

Youth Engagement
Coordinator

Gemco Players

Exciting news for the community of Emerald this month

with Gemco Players Community Theatre being successful in receiving funding from Ausnet Resilience Grants to install solar panels, inverter and batteries to make the building somewhere for locals to come in times of sustained power outages for showers, cooking, charging and connection with others in the community.

The Gemco Committee is thrilled to be able to offer this community support as an extension of our services of entertainment, venue hire, youth classes and community building.

Gemco had its AGM on May 10th. The new board has been elected for the next 12 months:

Mathew Greenaway - President
Mandy McGarrigle - Vice President
Jessica Fraser - Secretary
Non Blair - Treasurer

Ordinary Members -

Margie Gemmell, Phil Byers, Sarah Thompson, and Sam Hargreaves.

The current board and members would like to extend a warm thank you to last year's committee members who have not joined this years committee; Joy McLeary, Mac Barrot, Tom Mithen and Stephen Nichols. Your efforts and service are extremely appreciated and we look forward to your continued involvement. You will always be warmly welcomed as part of the Gemco family.

The Fernlea Community House, had it's official opening on Sat 31st May. The transformation to the interior and yard area is incredible and we look forward to many years of community development, through adult learning, children's

activities, support services, food security, community dinners, inter-generational, arts and wellbeing activities. We can't wait to take part in the welcoming atmosphere created by Kerry McGregor, Sarah Cole and the numerous volunteers who have worked tirelessly to transform this space for the whole community.

It was great to see so many local nominations for the Stan Henwood Volunteer awards this year. Congratulations to Emerald stalwarts Ray Spencer and Ron Harmer for their very worthy nominations, on the back of Marg Gemmell's nomination last year and of course, Cockatoo and Emerald legend, Dot Griffin taking out the 2024 award. The best thing about attending the Mayor's reception and Stan Henwood award is the humbling experience of hearing the absolute mammoth effort of so many volunteers within our shire.

It was wonderful to see all the community groups taking part in the Lion's Club Volunteer Expo at he Hills Hub on Sunday 25th May. It's always so inspiring to see what

this community and surrounding towns can do with a little (lot) of volunteer support. Thanks to Lions for putting on a great day and well done to all the community groups and public who came along.

The Woorilla Poetry Prize opens for submissions on 1st June.

This is an international poetry competition with local roots, managed by a small local group of volunteers. This year's competition will include an Ekphrasis category, where poetry is inspired by art.

Woorilla is delighted to join forces with the Emerald Arts Society for this year's competition. Woorilla is looking for a couple of volunteers who can help with administration, fundraising and promotion. Please email woorillapoetry@gmail.com if you can help or would like to know more.

Somebody said to me recently that there is such a positive vibe in the Emerald community at the moment and I have to say, I feel it too.

Kind regards,

Non Blair



Woorilla Poetry Prize



Competition & Award Dates

Competition Opens 1st June 2025
Competition Closes 30th September 2025
Awards Ceremony - Hybrid Event:
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Multiple Categories & Prizes

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EMERALD MUSEUM

Call for community volunteers to join Emerald Museum's Community Asset Committee

No previous museum experience, history or heritage is required to be a committee member.

The upcoming Biennial General Meeting (BGM) of the Emerald Museum **Thurs 10 July**, 6–7.30pm at Emerald Museum, 5 Crichton Rd, Emerald, presents an ideal occasion for community members to step forward and contribute to the museum's ongoing success.

Attendees will hear about the museum's milestones and achievements over the past two years, providing valuable insight into the impact of their potential contributions. All positions on the committee are open, and nominations will be accepted both prior to & on the night of the BGM.

The Emerald Museum is a vital resource for the Cardinia Shire, playing a crucial role in preserving the rich history of the area. By joining the Community Asset Committee, volunteers will take a proactive approach in raising awareness of their local community and ensuring the continued preservation of its heritage. Committee members serve a two-year term, during which they attend quarterly meetings to discuss organisational activities, participate in a rotating roster during museum opening hours, and represent the museum at key community events. These responsibilities offer a chance to network, develop new skills, and make meaningful contributions and connections in the community.



Join the Emerald community in preserving the cultural heritage of Cardinia Shire and

become a part of their dedicated team!

Please contact the Museum for more information, by emailing enquiries@emeraldmuseum.org.au or calling 5968 2152.

Emerald Museum Community Asset Committee operates under a special arrangement with Cardinia Shire Council to manage and maintain the museum and Nobelius Heritage Park, both of which are Council-owned properties. This partnership allows the committee to directly oversee the museum's operations, while receiving necessary support from Council, and ensuring the preservation of the region's cultural heritage together.

Melanie Matthews

Communications Business Partner,
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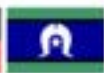


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**3MDR's annual
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Sunday 22nd June at
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We've curated an eclectic mix of 2nd hand and new vinyl sellers, 3MDR DJs will be spinning tunes and The Fat Goat are pouring drinks. Upwey Community Market is also happening on that day so it should be a really fun time for everyone.

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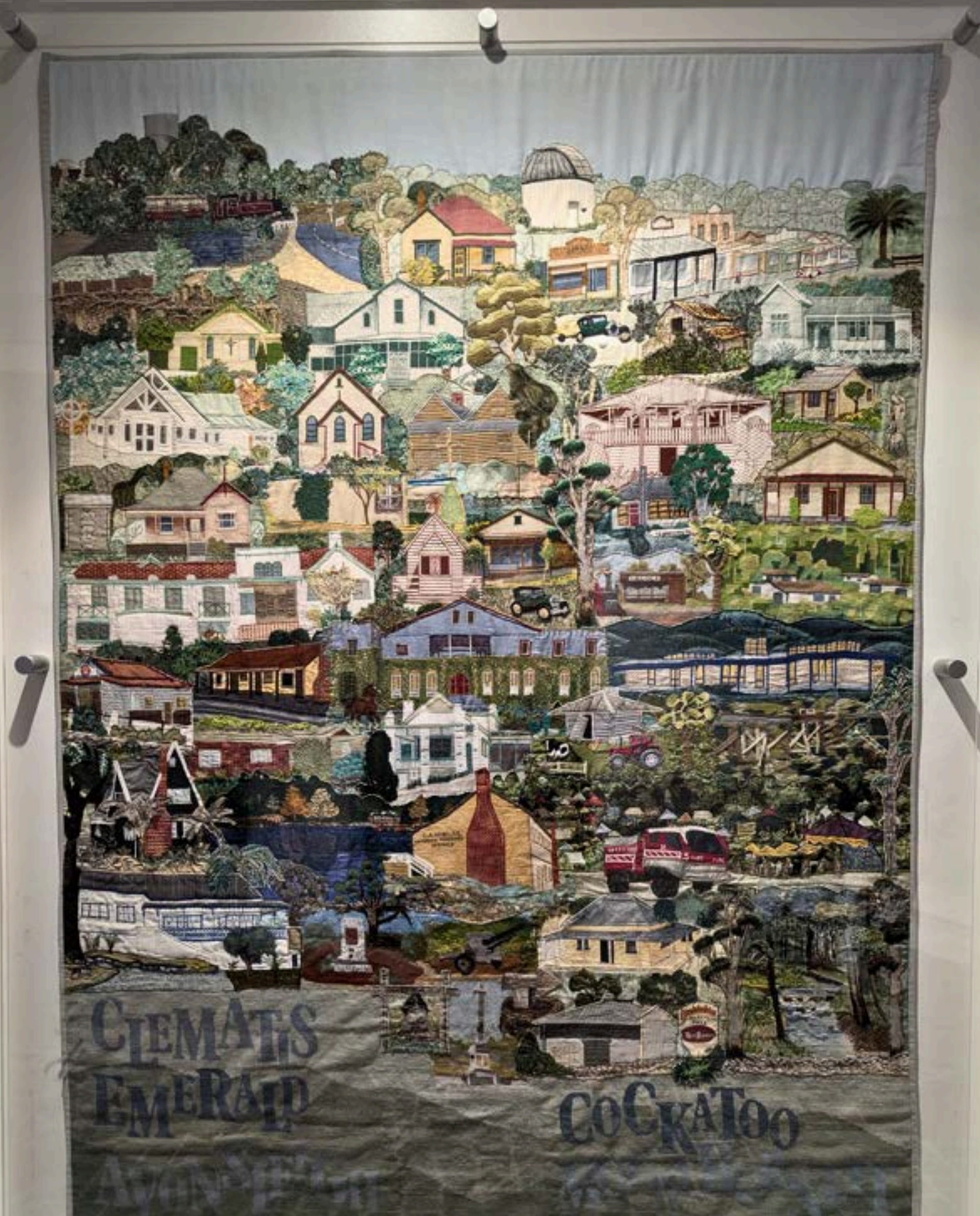
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Clematis, Emerald, Avonsleigh, Cockatoo, Mt Burnett, one of eight 190x140cm panels 'The Cardinian Embroidery'



The embroidered panels feature landmarks considered significant by the community, such as historic buildings, recreation reserves, parks, signs and annual local events. Techniques used to create the embroidery include cross-stitch, appliqué, blackwork, canvas work, free machine embroidery, fabric painting, hand embroidery & computerised machine embroidery. The project was funded by Vic Health & Council.

Lions Emerald and District

Let me begin with hot of the press news. Victoria's State of Volunteering Report 2025 reports:

- 3.3million Victorians volunteer in their community.
- Representing 58.9% of the Victorian population aged 15+ years.
- Collectively, Victorian volunteers contribute over 732 million hours.
- Currently, 69.4% of young Victorians (15-24 years old) volunteer; the highest rate of any age group.

As captured in this year's National Volunteer Week theme, when we volunteer, we don't just give our time—we build bridges, foster understanding, and create lasting change for both for our community and us personally.

Lions Emerald & District 2025 Volunteer Expo held in celebration of National Volunteer Week, had representatives from over 25 incredible community groups. On May 25, 2025, we celebrated the power of community. We demonstrated the extraordinary impact of volunteering in terms of connection, inspiration, and action.

Each group attending offered unique opportunities to get involved, demonstrating volunteering as not being about what we give, rather it's about what we gain.

As President of Lions Club Emerald and District, I want to thank all comers for attending and for considering how you can contribute to our hill communities.

In conclusion, I congratulate the winner of the Lions Emerald and District working bee. He has been notified and is very excited at the prospect of getting some help around the yard.

Here's to volunteering, to creating a brighter, stronger, and more connected place to live.

Ray Spencer



Dave Jordon, David Nickell, Ray Spencer
Daniela Martino, Peter Maloney



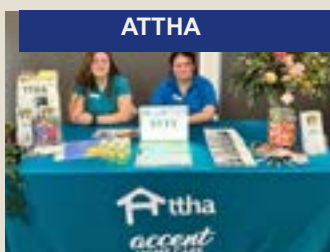
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Emerald Museum

Emerald RSL



Our clubrooms are open for patronage:

- Tuesdays 5 – 7pm
- Thursdays 5 – 10pm
- All welcome!

Did you know we have a meat raffle at the Club every Thursday? We do! Tickets are \$1 each and we have two prizes each week – a meat tray and a \$20 voucher to spend at Emerald Village Meats.

The meat raffle is drawn at approximately 7pm, along with the Members Draw – gotta be there to claim your prize!

Local community groups! We are very happy to support you by promoting your raffle on social media and selling your raffle tickets at our bar! Contact us if you're interested!

secretary@emeraldrsl.com.au

If you haven't yet, now is a great time to check out the Anzac Day 2025 gallery of images and videos on our website, courtesy of Hills Photographic Society

www.emeraldrsl.com.au

Our clubrooms are open for patronage Tuesdays 5 – 7pm and Thursdays 5 – 10pm. All welcome!

Tanya Jogan

Secretary, Emerald RSL Sub-branch

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LEST WE FORGET

U3A EMERALD

Our U3A is focused on keeping our older Emerald community active, thinking and creative. Our numbers continue to grow and new short courses, long courses and one off events are regularly added to our offerings. Did you know we currently offer 64 different courses and activities? Check out our website for a detailed list at www.u3aemerald.org.au

At the end of June we will be holding our Winter Warmer for members, with mulled wine and goodies to eat while talk. In July it's Christmas in July at the RSL, complete with live music.

It is amazing that our retired community has the opportunity to participate in all of this for only \$40 a year. Check out the website or drop into the Hills Hub and talk with one of our friendly Hub Hosts sitting at the reception desk. If they are not at the desk, rest assured they'll be back soon from whatever support they are giving to one of our volunteer tutor or members.

Pat



Art in the Park



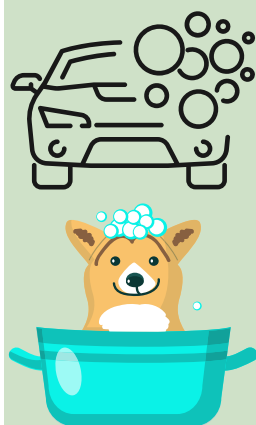
This is a treat too good to miss. On a crisp autumnal afternoon take yourself and a few friends to see Emerald's new art gallery in Emerald Lake Park.

Emerald Village Association had been lobbying Council since late 2024, and now the Emerald Arts Society, Cardinia Art Society and the Hills Photographic Society have done the hard work and transformed the old tea rooms building into an exciting new space. It's a gallery for us.

The stunning work of local artists is on display and for sale. There is also a gift shop featuring smaller works, again all by local artists. Come along and discover how many talented people our town nurtures.

Cheers

Pat



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The Allan Labor Government is focused on what matters most to families in the District of Monbulk, delivering real help with the cost of living and more investment in frontline services. We've helped households across Monbulk slash thousands off their power bills by switching to solar and making their homes more energy efficient.

This Budget delivers **more rebates for energy efficient heat pumps and solar hot water systems**, so that more households can save up to \$400 a year on their energy bills.

We're also providing energy bill relief to those doing it tough. This Budget delivers a **\$100 Power Saving Bonus to eligible Victorian households** with a concession card, in time for their August winter bills. Costs can add up – especially for seniors. It's why with this Budget, we're making statewide public transport free for Victorians aged 60 and over on weekends. From 1 January 2026, this change will help Victorians with a Seniors Card visit the grandkids or experience even more of our state – without the extra expense.



FOCUSED ON WHAT MATTERS MOST TO FAMILIES IN MONBULK

Playing sport keeps children across Monbulk active and healthy. But the cost of uniforms, equipment, memberships and more means some young Victorians are forced to sit on the sidelines. That's why with this Budget, **we're delivering more than 65,000 extra Get Active Kids vouchers for families who need it most.** These vouchers, worth up to \$200, help with the cost of sport and recreation member-ships, registration fees and essential equipment and uniforms. With more vouchers, we'll help remove the financial barrier for families, and make sure children across Monbulk get the chance to play the sport they love.

For parents across Monbulk, every dollar counts. It's why **we're making public transport free for Victorians under 18. It'll mean savings of up to \$755 a year – per child.** With free public transport for under 18s, we're ensuring cheaper school runs, more affordable weekends – and one less thing for families to worry about. It'll make Victoria the first state to introduce free public transport for children and teens, with the investment **beginning 1 January 2026.**



When wild weather and disaster strikes across the Monbulk District, SES and CFA volunteers are there to keep communities safe.

This Budget invests \$150,000 to make local brigades stronger, with funding for satellite phones, generators, and more. It'll support The Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club is one of our state's biggest, catering for players of all ages and ability levels.

This Budget invests up to \$200,000 in upgrading the lights at Monbulk Rangers Soccer Ground to make sure they can keep kicking goals. And we are continuing to improve community spaces by investing in safety and accessibility, with **lighting upgrades at The Basin Triangle Park.**

This Budget also invests in making sure our schools keep up with our growing community. This includes funding to kick-start planning on brand new facilities at Sherbrooke Community School.

Free Kinder is saving families across Monbulk up to \$2,600 per child on fees, and making sure young Victorians get all the benefits of two years of play-based learning. This year alone, **Free Kinder is helping over 150,000 families. This Budget continues that support,** with an additional \$2 billion investment.

The Labor Government introduced Australia's toughest bail laws to protect people in the community from the risk of serious crime – and now, more serious and repeat alleged offenders are going to jail, not getting bail.

That's why **the Victorian Budget 2025/26 will invest \$727 million to ramp up capacity in Victoria's prisons & youth justice centres,** bringing more prison beds online to deal with the increasing number of alleged offenders being denied bail.

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Getting in to see a GP is hard – especially one who bulk bills. That means too many families put off looking after their health.

This Budget invests a further \$18 million to enable pharmacists to treat even more Victorians with even more conditions – without a trip to the doctor for a prescription. Previously trialled as the Community Pharmacy Pilot, this investment locks it in for good – and makes it even bigger. **That means pharmacies will be able to treat more conditions with medicines usually only available with a GP script** – including allergies, nausea, high blood pressure and minor wound care, with more conditions added progressively over the next two years.

We're also covering the cost of the consult – ensuring Victorians can access care for free. This is a Budget – and a Government – focused on what matters most to Victorians.

Quotes attributable to Member for Monbulk, Daniela De Martino “This Budget is about supporting our community and the services we rely on – from health to education to emergency services. This is a Budget that’s focused on what matters most to the people across the District of Monbulk.”



Watch out for the next Cardinia Shire 'end of life' textiles Drop-off Day.

Where textiles are recycled and turned into new clothing products via a partnership deal between Textile Recyclers Australia and Cardinia Shire Council.

Geoff Young, Garfield is 2025 Stan Henwood award winner

Geoff has been a dedicated leader in the Cardinia Shire community since 1995, as the Scout Leader of the Garfield Scout Group; as President of the Garfield Rotary Club from 1999-2006 and President and Assistant Governor for District 9820 at the Pakenham Rotary Club since 2006. He has led the Pakenham & District Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society since 2003 and has been involved with South and Central Region Show Societies since 2010.

He played a key role in the Pakenham Bluelight program from 2012 to 2021 and has navigated changes in the Pakenham Show Society following the sale of the Pakenham Racecourse. A driving force in disaster relief as District Emergency Management Chair during the Labertouche fires, Geoffrey has also facilitated connections with local organisations, embracing multiculturalism enhancing community engagement. There were two worthy nominees from Emerald, both in the final list of nine: Ray Spencer and Ron Harmer, who have both been heavily involved in community work for many decades. The previous four award winners were Dot Griffin in 2024, Jeffrey Latter, Tim Ahern and Helen Smith in 2021. All are an inspiration and a blessing.



Emerald Nominees - Ray Spencer & Ron Harmer



Ron Harmer on stage with Mayor Jack Kowarzik & Henwood family



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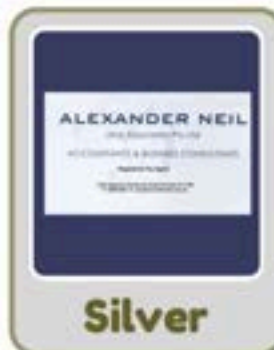
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2025 has Lions Emerald and District celebrating 50 years of service to our communities.



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Emerald Patchaholics Deliver Warmth and Love to Children in Care

Today was a heartwarming day in Emerald as the Emerald Patchaholics quilting group delivered fifty beautifully handmade quilts to OzChild. Each quilt, lovingly crafted and labelled with the child's name, is gifted to a young person entering foster care - a comforting reminder that they are seen, valued, and not alone. These quilts are theirs to keep for life.

Glenda Quinn, Carer Advocate and Events Co-ordinator at OzChild, visited in person to collect the quilts on behalf of the organisation. She expressed deep gratitude for the generosity and care shown by the Patchaholics, acknowledging how much these quilts mean to children in times of upheaval. Every year the Emerald Patchaholics deliver at least thirty

quilts, but this year fifty quilts were ready to go. Thanks are due to all the group's members who contributed quilts, but special thanks go to Juliet Edwards, whose long-arm quilting machine worked overtime this year to help meet the group's goal. Her dedication and professional finishing touches made it possible to provide even more children with a quilt of their own.

The handover was marked by a floor exhibition showcasing the vibrant colours, creative patterns, and quality craftsmanship that went into each piece. A morning tea for visitors and members helped to celebrate this meaningful act of kindness and connection.

Jenny Lyndon



Glenda, Juliet, Bev.

Emerald Patchaholics group, Glenda Centre



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Peter Benazic appointed to lead Cardinia Shire as interim CEO



Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik with Peter Benazic, who has been appointed Cardinia Shire's interim CEO

Peter Benazic will step into the role from 5 June 2025, bringing 27 yrs of experience in senior roles across a number of Council service areas & 39yrs in the local government sector. Mayor Jack Kowarzik said Peter Benazic was appointed through a formal recruitment process, and in recognition of the strong leadership capability that existed within the organisation.

"Peter brings a wealth of experience to the role, including six years as Cardinia's Gen Mgr Infrastructure & Environment, exceptional relationship building and critical thinking skills, and a proven track record in leading people and delivering against adopted budgets, plans and policies." Mayor Kowarzik said.

"Peter is a dedicated leader who is recognised for his relentless pursuit of excellence, people leadership skills and customer focus. He has extensive leadership experience in local government in operations, maintenance, parks, waste and project management, as well as experience in the private, community and not-for-profit sectors."

In his role as Cardinia Shire's General Manager Infrastructure and Environment, Peter's focus has

included the delivery of new infrastructure and major capital works programs, the shire's heritage, natural environment, energy and climate change and the continued maintenance of the shire's roads, drainage, parks and gardens.

Peter's qualifications include Senior Executives In State and Local Government Harvard Kennedy School, XLP Executive Leadership Program LGpro, Graduate Certificate of Business Project Management Swinburne University, and Master of Business Administrative Management Victoria University.

Peter said he looked forward to stepping into the interim CEO role, working and partnering with Council, staff and the community on finalising & implementing some of Council's key strategic documents, including the Cardinia Shire Council Plan, Long Term Financial Plan and Asset Plan.

"It's a privilege to have the opportunity to lead and continue the work of this great organisation, particularly at a time where we are planning our key initiatives and priorities over the next four years," Peter said.

"I look forward to working and partnering with councillors and Council staff over the next six months as we continue to serve the Cardinia community."

"Thanks to Carol and her passion for developing people, we are lucky to have a great depth of leadership across our organisation, and I am confident in our ability to continue to deliver great outcomes for this Shire."

"On behalf of Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol for leading us, through both good times and bad, and wish her every success in her new role as CEO of Uniting Vic Tas."

Peter will take on the CEO role from 5 June, with a permanent recruitment process to commence later this year.

Emerald Wellbeing Group

Our Wellbeing group has been running for 10 + years through the Community House ... RSL

and now the Hills Hub.

It's open to over 60s.

Come together for socialisation, coffee and chat. We often laugh with our attempts at various quizzes, Bingo and sharing memories and stories.

It's free, fun and welcoming to new faces, so come along and join us.

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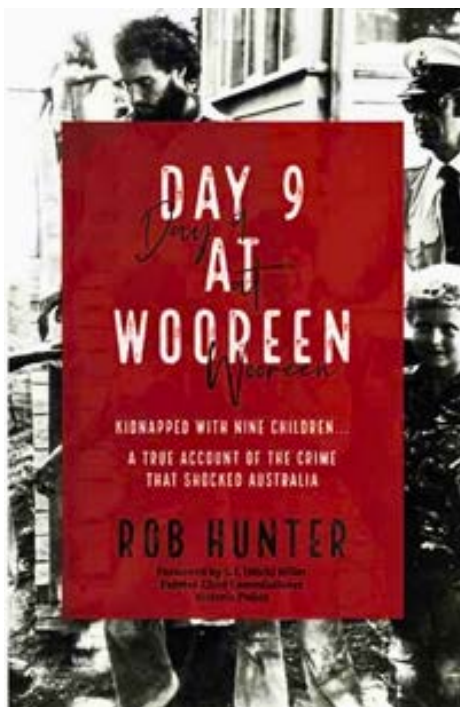
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MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

'Day 9 at Wooreen' - Rob Hunter

Many of us have heard of the Faraday kidnapping story where a teacher and her students were kidnapped by Edwin John Eastwood and Robert Clyde Boland on October 6th, 1972. In an act of exceptional bravery, a young female teacher, Mary Gibbs, in her first school appointment, was kidnapped along with 6 students. Fortunately, they were rescued and one student Robyn Howarth recounts the story as one way of gaining closure over the incident. The book is called 'Faraday - A Community Rediscovered' by Robyn Howarth

How many of us have knowledge of the happenings of Wooreen Primary school on February 14th 1977? Interestingly same scenario, a small one teacher school with nine students and a young male teacher, Rob Hunter, again his first school appointment. Unbelievably the same perpetrator. Why? Edwin John Eastwood had escaped from prison. An exceptionally brave young teacher had to think quickly, leaving a couple of clues, albeit not obvious, that something had happened. At gun point he and his nine students were kidnapped and embark on a treacherous, life-threatening journey.



Many of you may have travelled through the Strzelecki Ranges and even along The Grand Ridge Road, notorious as a logging truck route. This was where Eastwood took his hostages on a fearful trip with extraordinary happenings along the way- an accident, more hostages taken and many more nerve wracking events I won't recall so as not to spoil your read.

The bravery, heroism and the calm sense of positivity surrounding the children, by all the parties taken hostage, was amazing to read. By no means a book of literary craft, it was intended to assist with the healing process for Rob. Importantly, both the Faraday and Wooreen kidnappings were significant events in Victorian history and make for highly interesting reading.

Day 9 at Wooreen was enjoyed and evoked wonderful discussion by all members in the Wattle Book Group at U3A Emerald.

Tanya Cooke,
U3A Book Group



There was plenty of hustle, bustle and even a horse float, when the Puffing Billy Toy Library officially moved into its new home at Fernlea Community House over the weekend. In a heartwarming show of community spirit, mums, dads, grandparents, two vans, and that trusty horse float joined forces to help shift trolleys, shelves and a whole world of toys to the new location. The outpouring of support left the Toy Library committee overwhelmed with gratitude.

The new space marks an exciting chapter for our much-loved local service. With room to stretch out, the toy library is now able to incorporate outdoor play into its borrowing sessions. There are also plans in the works to start a playgroup in the near future. For now, our team is still in the process of sorting out the toy categories and getting everything just right before reopening. We'll be letting everyone know on social media once we're ready to open the doors and can't wait to welcome both familiar faces and new families to come check out our amazing new space! The move is a big milestone for the Puffing Billy Toy Library and with this strong show of community support, the future is looking brighter than ever.

Katie Holmes - President
Emerald Toy Library





Ambulance Victoria

Ambulance Victoria (AV) Auxiliaries play a vital role in raising funds for and advocating on behalf of their local ambulance branch. Fundraising activities raise much needed funds for:

- specialised medical equipment
- additional resources
- advanced training.

In March I attended a meeting of the Emerald Ambulance Auxiliary with Graeme Legge chairing. They were concerned that the Auxiliary may need to fold as one long term member was relocating to a residential facility, and Graeme Legge is looking to step aside due to age. They still have a core of very committed members including one younger lady and two very enthusiastic and active volunteers whose passion is raising funds to assist the local branch obtain the little items of kit that they may otherwise not get.

The auxiliary was originally instigated to lobby for an ambulance in Emerald and the Hills communities. Once they achieved a ambulance vehicle in Emerald, they turned to obtaining a facility for them to work from.

Having achieved that, they now act as a support group for the Emerald crew as well as community advocacy.

The Auxiliary is not an incorporated body. They report to Ambulance Victoria where there is a small department looking after all the auxiliaries in Victoria. they need a minimum of six members - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least two ordinary committee members who would meet at least four times per year.

Ron Harmer and myself are joining the auxiliary to help it carry forward with their good works. We still need a couple more volunteers willing to join us, to make it happen.

Please contact Graeme Legge
glegge@southernphone.com.au

Ray Spencer



Ambulance Auxiliaries

PD Snapshot Auxiliary Volunteer Positions

Volunteering with an Ambulance Victoria Auxiliary is a meaningful way to give back to your community, support local paramedics and help improve health outcomes. Auxiliary volunteers play a vital role in fundraising, advocacy, and community engagement, ensuring that much-needed resources are available to enhance emergency care.

Each volunteer position within the Auxiliary contributes to its success, whether through organising events, managing finances, coordinating communications, or supporting day-to-day operations. These roles provide an opportunity to develop skills, connect with like-minded individuals, and make a tangible difference in the lives of others.

Each Ambulance Victoria Auxiliary must have a minimum of five members, holding the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one General Member. While there can be multiple General Members, there must be at least one to ensure a well-rounded committee.

To maintain financial integrity, at least three of the four Executive Members must be signatories on the committee's external bank accounts. To prevent conflicts of interest, signatories cannot be related. Additionally, no individual may hold more than one Executive position, ensuring shared leadership and accountability within the Auxiliary.

To ensure strong community representation, at least two Executive Committee positions must be held by community members with no more than two positions filled by AV people.

Below is a summary of the key volunteer positions, outlining their responsibilities and how they contribute to the Auxiliary's goals.

President

The President provides leadership and oversees the management, direction and future planning of the Auxiliary. They work closely with the Treasurer and Secretary, ensuring meetings are well-organised and that the committee operates effectively. The President is expected to be able to represent the Auxiliary at meetings, conferences, and community events where required.

Elected at the AGM for a two-year term, the President should have access to email, a phone and retain a contact list of key Auxiliary members and Community Fundraising staff.

Secretary

The Secretary plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation of the Auxiliary, handling administration, communication, and record-keeping. They act as a liaison between the committee, the executive team and the Community Fundraising Office. Key tasks include taking minutes, maintaining records and ensuring members receive meeting notifications.

Elected at the AGM for a two-year term, the Secretary should have access to a computer, email, and a phone for essential communication and record-keeping.

A well-organised diary and filing system will be valuable in maintaining accurate records and ensuring a smooth handover when needed. While some basic computer skills are helpful, support is always available to assist with key tasks.



Join 'the 9PM Routine' to deter theft



Residents are encouraged to take proactive steps to secure their homes and vehicles as theft continues to be a pressing concern in the shire.

According to the Crime Statistics Agency Victoria, the most common crime reported in Cardinia Shire is stealing from cars, often occurring right outside homes. Data from Victoria Police reveals that **57% of stolen vehicles were left unlocked or showed no signs of forced entry**, highlighting that thieves typically look for easy targets.



In response to this alarming trend, Victoria Police have launched the 9PM Routine. This community initiative, support-ed by Cardinia Shire Council, aims to remind residents to secure their properties and prevent theft. Thieves are opportunistic & look for easy targets. Residents can help deter thieves by locking away belongings, keeping items out of sight, and ensuring that all doors and windows are securely locked.

The 9 PM routine encourages the community to make it a habit to:

- **Collect valuables from your car**
- **Lock your car**
- **Lock your home (doors and windows)**
- **Lock your garage**
- **Park in secure, well-lit areas**



By making the 9PM routine a regular habit, resident can help protect their property and contribute to a safer community.

Community vigilance is crucial in maintaining safety in Cardinia Shire. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity.

In case of an emergency, call 000. For non-urgent matters, contact Victoria Police at 131 444 or report your observations online. Additionally, anyone with information that could assist in resolving a crime is urged to make an anonymous report to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

Together, we can work towards making Cardinia Shire a safer place to live for everyone.

For more information on our community safety initiatives, visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/communitysafety.

Cheyenne Thygesen-Sutton
Communications Advisor
Cardinia Shire Council



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 on 03 5968 5612 or 0437 543 515 or just turn up.

Faye Robins
Co-ordinator

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CONTAGIOUS

Last week, a very kind lady I know rocked up to my front door with a spare office chair she didn't need anymore. She knew I have back issues and spend too much time being a Norm (aka Life Be in it add campaign in the 1990s).

She wouldn't hear of being paid something for it.

A few days later, remembering her generosity, I gave a barely used doggy bed to someone with two dogs who will no doubt sort out 'ownership rights'. My dog liked her little beds (or mine) but I'd been holding on to it simply because I'd paid for it.



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What's included:

- ✓ Prime stall location (BYO table & shade)
- ✓ All insurance covered
- ✓ Shout-out on our socials during market week

Fundraising ideas:

- 💎 Raffles | 📦 Product sales | 🍷 Donation collections

Note: No sausage sizzles due to food vendor agreements.

In return, give us a little love on your socials 🍷
Let's grow together!



Volunteer Opportunity

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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.

We are open Tuesday to Friday.



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Joint media release between AusNet and Cardinia Shire Council: \$220k for Beaconsfield Upper

Community Centre energy resilience hub.

Beaconsfield Upper Community Centre is set to receive \$220,000 as a major grant recipient of AusNet's Energy Resilience Community Fund.

This is great news for our neighbours at Upper Beac

Properties for Sale in Emerald

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 3/4 Westlands Road, Emerald, Vic 3782
 5 Regal Close, Emerald, Vic 3782
 25 Sydney Avenue, Emerald, Vic 3782
 4 Wombat Crescent, Emerald, Vic 3782
 6 Pinnocks Road, Emerald, Vic 3782
 109 Emerald Monbulk Road, Emerald, Vic 3782
 134 Macclesfield Road, Avonsleigh, Vic 3782
 28 Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, Emerald, Vic 3782
 445 Macclesfield Road, Macclesfield, Vic 3782
 3 Ladd Square, Emerald, Vic 3782



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 to love eggs and bacon



Emerald Ladies Probus Club

Ladies, if you're retired or semi-retired and like to socialise and get to know local women, then Emerald Ladies Probus may appeal to you. We participate in a variety of activities, meet monthly and offer outings, coffee and lunch get togethers, craft sessions, walks and entertainment.

During June we've organised to attend Hamer Hall Morning Melodies to hear Orchestra Victoria and the renowned Maggie Beer presenting 'Music and Me'; we'll be having a delicious morning tea at Mont De Lancey Homestead in Wandin North; we'll be enjoying the great outdoors with a walk and cuppa at Silvan reservoir; and our mid-year luncheon will be a Christmas in July celebration at Fortnums in Sassafras. Our popular craft mornings are a time to share ideas, projects and stories. This month is a repeat of a popular fun session creating our masterpieces by playing with watercolours.



We meet at 10am on the third Monday of each month at Emerald RSL. Our next meeting is on Monday 16 June when our guest speaker is from Quilts of Valour Australia talking about quilts awarded to wounded Defence Personnel and immediate family of Veterans and Defence Personnel who have passed. We invite you to come along and listen to our guest

speaker, meet some members and enjoy some morning tea with us.

For more information call Michele on 5968 4922 or email ladiesprobusclubemerald@gmail.com

Linda McIvor

Community Group Buses



If your club or group needs to use a small bus(up to 11 passengers and driver) we have two very close to the Hills. Cardinia community bus is available - 5943 4100 at \$9.00 an hour for community groups and Monbulk community bus.

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This will help groups be able to organise events and keep the price down.

Dot Griffin

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Cardinia Shire residents are reminded that no burning off is allowed across the shire without a permit.

Lighting open-air fires in July is prohibited, to prevent excessive smoke being produced due to wet fuel, which poses a risk to people's health. At all times of the year, residents should consider using one of these methods to reduce fuel loads:

- Kerbside bin collection
- Hard waste collection
- Waste drop-off days
- Composting or mulching (Council offers waste reduction rebates)
- Take green waste to a local tip, transfer station or waste facility.

For more information about burning off, or to apply for a permit, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff

'Connecting Two Worlds'

the current art exhibition at the Hills Hub Mon-Fri, ending 6th July.

Artist Sam Richards: yearnjenong barefoot)



Bendigo Bank - Emerald

Community display space at our community Bank

Community Bank Display space has been a welcome opportunity for community groups, clubs, schools and local service organisations to promote events. Interested community groups are invited to contact the branch on 5968 8831 or email admin@drdbg.com.au to obtain a copy of the application form.

The space can be viewed anytime during business hours
9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m,
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Pop in and say hello to branch manager, Bruce McConnell and his friendly staff, who will be happy to assist with any inquiries.





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In a tremendous stroke of luck, Dr. Remley has the opportunity to perform surgery on the contractor who renovated his kitchen.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA



This event will be held via Zoom.

Please register your details to receive the Zoom link before the event. If you require assistance with registration or require more information, please phone Myli Support on 1800 44 6954 or contact your local branch.

Join writer and interviewer Claire Halliday in conversation with author Patricia Wolf to explore her new novel, Opal.

About the Author - Patricia's love of wide horizons began in childhood, growing up in the outback Queensland mining town of Mt Isa. She now lives in Berlin, Germany after travelling the world as a journalist but is a regular visitor to Australian shores to research each new novel in her best-selling DS Walker series of thrillers that started with Outback in 2023.

About the Book - Opal is the exciting third instalment that invites readers to discover what fresh trouble DS Walker finds himself in this time...

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Cardinia Shire Council

Donate your old phone and help save lives



Cardinia Shire Council has partnered with DV Safe Phone to collect old smartphones that can be re-purposed to help people experiencing domestic violence.

DV Safe Phone collect, repair and give free mobile phones to people experiencing domestic violence through a range of support agencies across Australia.

Smartphones collected will be recycled and redistributed to services working with people who have experienced domestic and family violence and who need a safe and clean phone.

Instructions on cleaning smart phones before donating are found here:
www.dvsafephone.org/donate-phones

Old smartphones can be donated at these locations:

- Pakenham Library, Or John and Henry Streets, Pakenham
- Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service (Hewitt Eco House), 215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
- Cardinia Life, 4/6 Olympic Way, Pakenham
- Outlook Community Centre, 24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham
- Hills Hub in Emerald, 400A Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald
- Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer

If you, or someone you know, are experiencing family violence, please contact **1800 RESPECT** for advice and support. In an emergency, call the police on **000**.

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To enquire or book by phone call 5940 4728

Here is a sampling of courses on offer:

Midweek Mingle

This group enjoys in-house activities at Outlook, lunches & visiting local places. Open to everyone to attend. Wednesdays commenced 23 April for 11 sessions, 10am – 11.30am \$6 per session; pay on the day.

Canva - Online Design Made Easy

Free online graphic design platform Learn to create professional social media posts, business cards, invitations, flyers. Make the most of this attractive platform to utilise for business and personal needs. Wednesdays commencing on 18 June - 2 sessions 9am-12.30pm \$25



Aged Care Information Session

You are invited to attend an informative session hosted by a Care Connect - Care Finder Program, where you will learn about:

- How to register for aged care services
- The assessment process
- Various funding options available to help you continue living at home
- The Care Finder Program – who is eligible and the support it offers

Wed 25 June, 10 - 11am : FREE

A person must be eligible for government funded aged care and have no carer or support person who can help or assist.

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- Not sure which is the best way to proceed?
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Wed 18 June, 5.30pm - 7pm

Please call 5940 4728 to book

NATIONALLY RECOGNISED FIRST AID COURSES

Training and assessment provided by Livcor/APL Health - RTO provider No. 3586 Some homework prior to classes. USI number required.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (HLTAID009)

This course provides the skills and knowledge to be able to handle cardiac emergency situations.

Sat 21 June, 9.30-11.30am : \$70

Provide First Aid (HLTAID011)

This course provides the skills and knowledge required to provide a first aid response, life support and management of the casualties until the arrival of medical or other assistance. Includes CPR.

Sat 21 June, 9.30am - 2.30pm: \$175

Provide an Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting (HLTAID012)

For educators, support staff and carers working within an education and care setting who are required to respond to a first aid emergency, including asthma and anaphylaxis. Includes CPR. \$175

Sat 21 June, 9.30am - 3pm



Generator connection point

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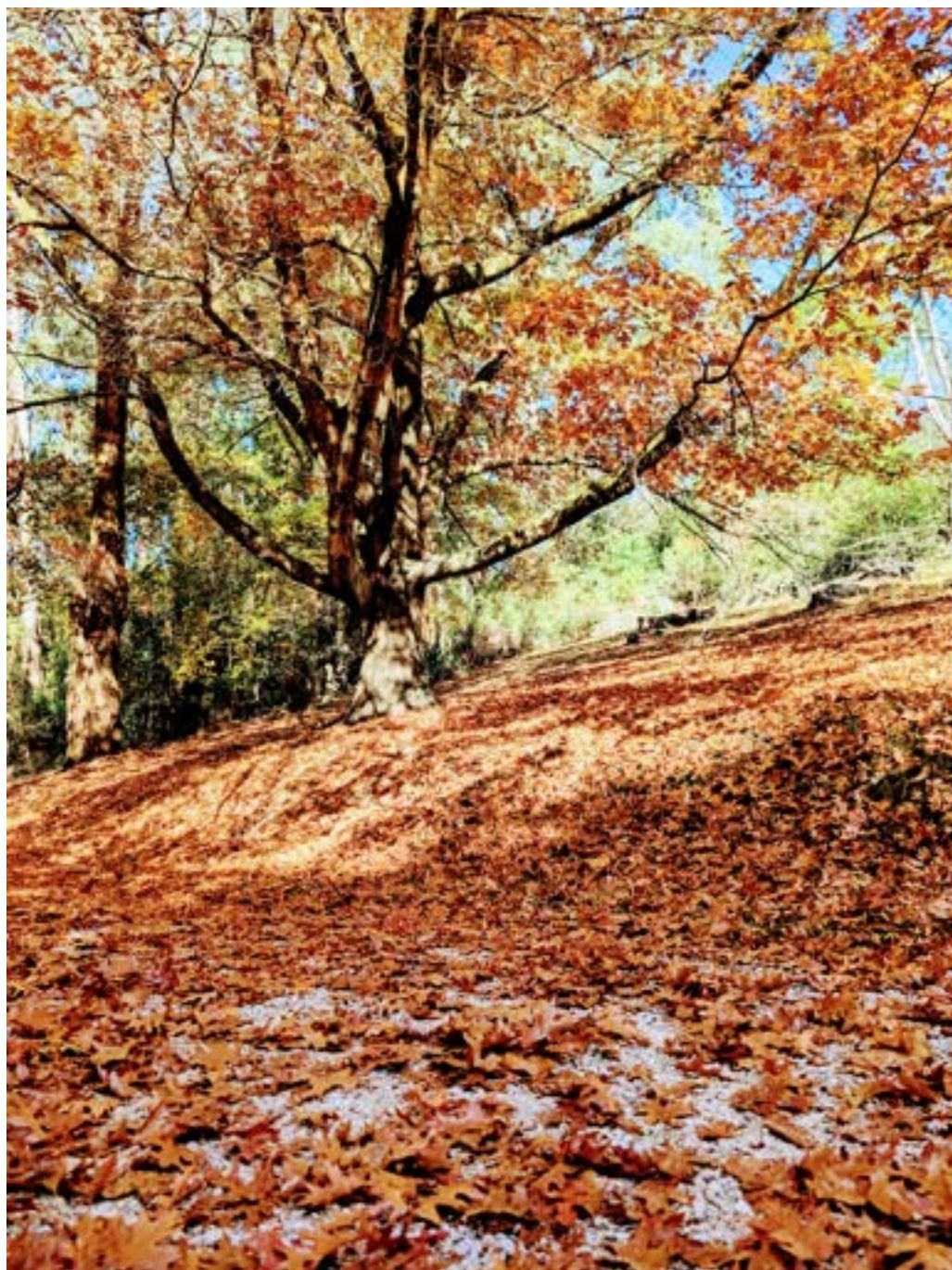
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Emerald Heritage Trail

Thank you for the copy of the Emerald Heritage Trail paper map!





Friends of Emerald Lake Park

Many of us have ornamental trees in our yards. At this time of the year the trees celebrate autumn with leaves changing colour and falling to the ground. The Emerald Lake precinct is a perfect place to enjoy the autumn sights. Don't just look at the colours – get more involved. Kids and adults too. Kick through the leaf piles; throw them to the sky; take them home for art projects. Don't miss out.

Not surprisingly, the FELP working bees for June will focus on the autumn leaves. We'll spread last year's composted leaves cross the garden beds. We'll also rake up this year's fallen leaves, emptying them into the leaf hoppers to compost down into next year's food for the gardens. We'll also finish spreading the mulch across the trees in the arboretum.

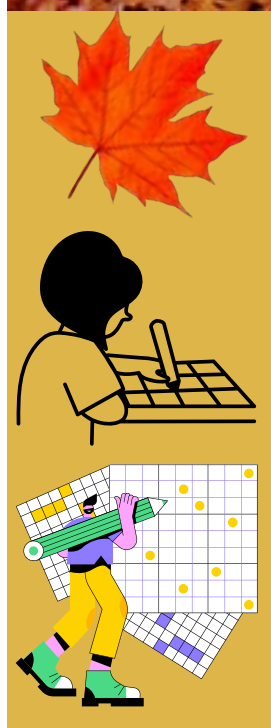
We'll welcome anyone who would like to help with the work. It's a great contribution to the local community.

Saturday June 7 : Sunday June 15

Thursday June 19

We meet at 9am in the Lakeside carpark, enjoying morning tea at 11am at the end of the work session.

Anne Deschepper



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Sudoku

How to play Sudoku

Fill 9x9 square with no repeated numbers in each line, horizontally or vertically.

3x3 squares marked out in the grid - each of these squares can't have any repeat numbers either.

**Solution provided
p.38 Emerald News.**

MND Big Freeze Slide #2 Chandler Reserve

WOW what a wonderful day!

Our Hills community is the best - you made the day! Thanks to our sliders, sponsors, donors, volunteers and to everyone who supported this event by sponsoring a slider, purchasing a beanie, socks, raffle tickets and sausage in bread.

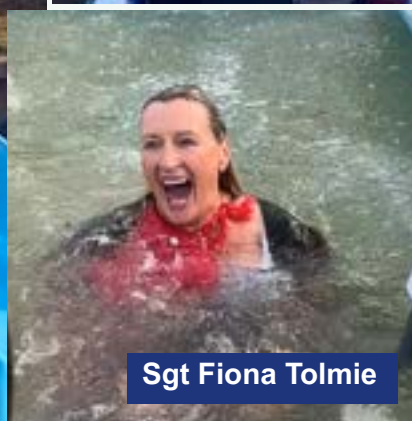
From the MND organisers of the Day



The crowd of over 2000 people



Al the Butcher



Sgt Fiona Tolmie



Al Mills winning the garden gnome for most funds raised by a slider



Emma Clark
EPS Principal



Jack the Mayor



Bec Danniher speaking at the lunch



Emma Vulin & Matt Stickland



all important ice truck

The second Hills MND Big Freeze took place at Chandler Reserve on Sunday May 31st on a glorious sunny afternoon. Another parade of locals took the big plunge. The Hills community & beyond dug deep into their pockets and raised over \$100,000 for the second year running.





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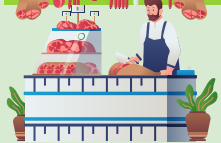
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Volunteer Training Workshops

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

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

Volunteer Learning Bytes

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

These learning modules equip volunteers with key skills to enhance their community impact. Topics include: Conflict of Interest, Financial Records, Successful Meetings, Contractor Management, Difficult Conversations, and Governance & Risk Management. For more information visit: cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering



Hills Hub Cardinia

Virtual tour: Scan the QR code to take a virtual tour of the facility!



Booking Cardinia

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Or book online at:
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JUNE

Calendar of Events

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

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8 EVERY SUNDAY NEW TIME 12- 3PM EMERALD MUSEUM OPEN 	9 .	10 2ND TUES MTHLY 10- 11 AM BOOK CHAT EMERALD LIBRARY  2ND TUES MTHLY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING AT THE HILLS HUB	11 <u>EVERY</u> WEDNESDAY 10AM- 3PM EMERALD MUSEUM OPEN 2ND WED MTHLY @ 10 AM BOOK CHAT @ THE LIBRARY 	12 2ND THURS MTHLY 4-5PM STEAM CLUB EMERALD LIBRARY	13 ROTARY SIP & PAINT AT THE HILLS HUB BOOKING REQD 	14 9AM - 2PM (2ND SAT. MTHLY) LOST WOODS MKT  ROTARY DEBUTANTE BALL AT CATHIES LANE RECEPTIONS 																																																																																	
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