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2026 Stan Henwood Award winner - Noelene (Non) Blair

The Stan Henwood Award celebrates outstanding community contribution while honouring the legacy of Stan Henwood OAM. This year's award was presented to Emerald's Noelene (Non) Blair.

For more than 30 years, Non has made an extraordinary contribution to the cultural and community life across the Hills region. Her volunteer involvement spans numerous local organisations, including 15 years coordinating the Woorilla Writers Group, 20 years with the Emerald Community House, 15 years with GEMCO, 15 years managing the Emerald Market, 3 years leading the Arts Alliance, 32 years coordinating PAVE/Winterfest, and 2 years supporting Eastern Health.

Non's leadership of the Woorilla International Poetry Prize, elevates local, national and international voices while strengthening Emerald's reputation as a creative and inclusive hub. She is also a strong supporter of the Emerald Community House which has had a meaningful impact on everyday community members.

"Non's ability to inspire others and her deep commitment to celebrating local culture have helped shape the region's identity, making her a deserving recipient of the 2026 Stan Henwood Award," he said.

Cardinia Shire Mayor, Councillor Brett Owen, congratulated Non and acknowledged the vital role of volunteers across the shire.

EVA congratulates to all Cardinia volunteers. The impact you make to the lives of others is valued.



Above: Stan Henwood Award nominees and winner (L-R) Patricia (Pat) Buoncristiani, Denise Davidson, Noelene Blair, Mayor Brett Owen, Liz Bergmeier, Ian Wake and Kirra Kruzicevic.

Read Cardinia's full press release [here](#)

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Left: Non Blair and EVA
President Peter Maloney





Stan Henwood Award

Last Thursday night was a memorable one for me when Non Blair was awarded the Stan Henwood award recognising her career in community service.

Non is tireless in her efforts for Emerald, particularly in the Arts groups, Gemco, Woorilla, and the PAVE festival that she has managed for many years.

The Stan Henwood award is the highlight of the year for volunteers as the Shire of Cardinia continues its push to encourage volunteers throughout the region. Our community could not function without residents volunteering their time be it for personal interest or their families well being.

Well done Non - we are proud of you.

Neale Danaher

Neale Danaher touched everyone as he fought MND. I have been proud to be part of the program as we supported local Matt Stickland in his fight. First we did the Big Freeze slide at the Paradise (Where's Wally??) and this year we are doing the Walk to Paradise. With the massive help of Gembrook identity, Garry McGough the Emerald District has contributed a total of over \$160,000 to help Matt fight the disease.

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Emerald Township Strategy

The Cardinia Shire Council has finally initiated the Emerald Township Strategy after years of pushing by the Emerald Village Association.

To this end they have commissioned a leading Urban Design company, Hello City, to commence a survey in both Emerald and Gembrook asking residents their thoughts about our townships identities. This is a starting point before the strategies are identified.

This survey can be undertaken by either scanning the QR code below or by going to the "Creating Cardinia" page on their website.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to give Cardinia your thoughts. See more in Trevor Budge's report on the next page.

Also on Saturday 13 June join in the Citizen Planning Walk event, 10-11 am, starting outside the Emerald Post Office.

I urge all residents to get involved. The future of your township is at stake.



ter Maloney

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Planning, Tourism & Environment Sub-Committee Report

Long time readers of this column will know that reviewing the 2009 Emerald Township Strategy has been a long-time advocacy piece by the EVA. Cardinia Shire Council has commenced the work and there will be many opportunities for engagement and participation in the process. Significantly Council has engaged an innovative consultant to kick off the process. 'Hello City' specialises in imaginative ways to develop a report to feed into Council's work about what is important in understanding how the community views their place. Focusing on the Emerald Town Centre initially Hello City has already undertaken an extensive series of one-on-one interviews around town, they are also interviewing key persons and organisations. On Saturday June 13 they will be organising a series of what are called Citizen Planning Walks – meet at 10.00 am outside the Post Office. These will take about an hour. The walks will provide for a wide range of interests and perspectives on the Town Centre. Using an innovative community engagement technique, which has already been successfully applied in several communities, they are keen to uncover what matters to you and to feed this into the process. Just turn up you will find it well worthwhile if you have thoughts, ideas or concerns about the Town Centre.

The sub-committee acted quickly when the EVA received a letter from Council asking for its comments on a proposed expenditure in the Council 2026/27 budget. Council is proposing to allocate \$300,000 for a specific project at the Emerald Lake as part of the Emerald Lake Precinct Masterplan implementation. We were appreciative of Council getting on the front foot and reaching out for comment and we told them that. While being supportive of Council allocating significant funds, we seriously questioned the project. Council proposed spending the money on the Gus Ryberg amphitheatre which had had to be fenced off given its state of disrepair.

While respecting the need for the work the EVA took the view that we need funds allocated to other priorities. We have asked Council to set aside the funds until discussions take place with the EVA and other stakeholders as to what is the best item to spend the funds on. Let the EVA know if you have ideas.

Recently Council released a full report on traffic data for the four Hills Community towns and the major arterial roads. This is an important background input to the Emerald and Gembrook Strategy Plan Reviews and the new Graen Wedge Management Plan. The EVA has a major concern with one aspect of the report. We had strongly advocated that Emerald Lake Road needed up-to-date data, given the speed of many vehicles, high weekend use, the growth in traffic since the Lakeside Visitor Centre was opened and the high number of buses using the road. Cycling and pedestrian safety is also a major issue. The EVA will be strongly advocating for this additional traffic data collection to be undertaken. With all the data now in we can see from the accident data that the two most dangerous short sections of road in the Hills based on traffic volume, traffic speed and accident history are through the centre of Upper Beaconsfield and the section of the Emerald-Monbulk Road between Barnshaw Lane and the northern end of Davey Street as the main roads winds up the hill. As a result of reviewing all the traffic data, the current speed limits, the accident data and being mindful that deaths and injuries in traffic accidents and pedestrians being hit by traffic are dramatically reduced with lower speeds the EVA is testing with the community some ideas around speed restrictions. What does the community think of the following proposals?

- 40 kmh speed limit in Main Road from west of the PBR level crossing to the Woolworths roundabout and on Kilvington Drive to south of the PBR level crossing
- 50kmh speed limit on the Beaconsfield Road to south of the PBR level crossing

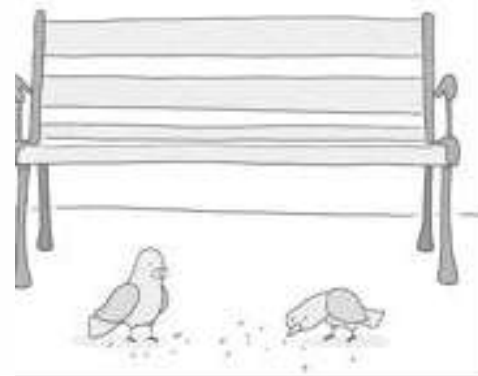
- 50 kmh speed limit on the Gembrook Road to the Emerald Secondary College
- 50kmh speed limit on the Monbulk Road to where Davey Road joins at the bottom of the hill

What are your thoughts and ideas on these proposals – should the EVA be advocating for these changes – should they be part of the Emerald Township Strategy?

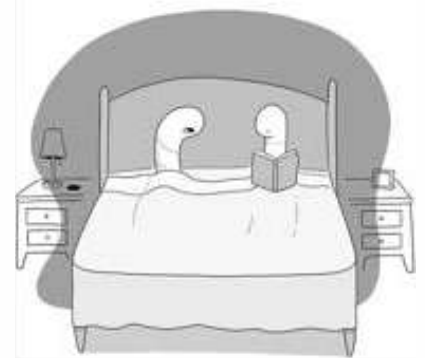
The EVA is giving serious thought into how we can support an idea to develop the current Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail into Australia's first heritage, arts, environment and tourist walking and cycling trail connecting all communities running alongside Australia's largest operating narrow gauge heritage steam railway. The Australian government has established a \$500M active transport fund over the next 10 years to support projects across Australia. Watch this space for further advocacy around this concept – please give us your thoughts.

Trevor Budge

Chair - Planning, Tourism and Environment Sub-committee



"This is my problem. I always fill up on bread."



"Would you still love me if I was a paramecium?"

Friends of Lake Emerald Park

Friends of Emerald Lake Park tackled something new at the Thursday working bee in May. A group of 8 volunteers supported the Shire's Nature Reserves team in planting 50 tube stock of the Emerald Star Bush, *Asterolasia asteriscophora*, in one of the bush areas at the Lake Park.



The Emerald Star Bush is a local plant; registered as protected and critically endangered. Its emerald green foliage retains moisture and the yellow and white flowers attract pollinators. We are fortunate Emerald has a couple of areas off the beaten track where it still flourishes. Our community is also fortunate to have a local volunteer group who monitor the area, collect seeds and germinate them into tube stock for sharing and planting across local areas.

For the FELP group, planting local tube stock in the Lake precinct is great work. Even better is working with the Rangers to regenerate local species. Over the next 12 months we'll monitor their growth and support their health.

Lucky us.



Coming up in June

Sat June 6 at 9am. Work in the arboretum uphill from the Lakeside carpark to remove weeds from under the large trees before we empty the leafhoppers and spread the mulch.

Sun June 14 at 9am. We'll meet at the Lakeside carpark and continue the work in the other arboretum areas, weeding and mulching where needed.

Thu June 18 at 9am. More of the leaf hopper and mulching work in the area near the Art in the Park Gallery.

Each working bee finishes around 11am with a catchup and morning tea

For more information about the Friends of Emerald Lake Park, check out our [website](#) or email us at friendsofemeraldlakepark@gmail.com



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St Mark's Opp Shop celebrates its volunteers

In what has now become an annual tradition, the St Mark's Opp shop celebrated Volunteers Week for all its helpers with a lunch and gifts.

The lunch was held in the St Mark's hall on Friday 22nd of May. All the ladies (and one gentleman) who volunteer in the Opp Shop, together with the Rubbish Guys team and the Opp Shop leaders attended. It was a joyful occasion – with much chat and happy noise over lunch. Between courses, various speakers addressed the gathering.

Magda Lane, the Manager of the Opp Shop, spoke of the importance of all the volunteers to the operation of the Opp Shop – it literally can not function without them. She also spoke about how the money raised is used – with distribution to local CFA and SES branches, support for important causes in the community and for the St Mark's Children's programs.



Russell Soderlund, standing in for Opp Shop Treasurer Andy Walker, said that there had been a good increase in Opp Shop takings in the last year.

Largely due to the closure of the Fernlea House Opp Shop. Russell also said that Opp Shop costs were slightly lower than last year – indicating



indicating efficient management of the Shop.

Finally, Nicole Lane, retiring CEO of ECHO Youth and Family Services, spoke about the charitable works in our communities and how by working together, small local groups can achieve large changes and improve the community in which we live. The volunteers lingered over tea and coffee (and chocolates!) and chatted after the lunch was finished.

Russell Soderlund

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What's Changed in Emerald in the last 25 years?

As you will see in other articles in the Newsletter, Cardinia Shire has commenced the process of undertaking a major review of the 17-year-old Emerald Township Strategy Plan (look at those articles to see how you can get involved). The need for a review has been consistent advocacy by the EVA for years. Particular thanks to Cr David Nickell for making this a priority and securing the funding for this to happen.

Importantly the Gembrook Township Strategy is also being reviewed along with the preparation of a Green Wedge Management Plan. These are big pieces of strategic work which will set up the framework for the planning and development of the Hills Communities for years to come. There will be opportunities for everyone to input at various stages and EVA will be working hard to ensure that these are documents which will be guided by extensive community engagement.

When we look forward to the next 25 years (which is often referred to as a generation) it's often difficult to ponder what might change, what needs to change and what change might be thrust upon us. There are two old sayings that are perhaps applicable, 'if you fail to plan – then you plan to fail' and 'you can either shape the future or let the future shape you', both are applicable when we think of Emerald's future. In trying to understand the changes in the future that may be applicable it's open difficult to imagine or comprehend what could happen and some people understandably think why do we have to change anyway. A different perspective is to think back over the last 25 years what has changed in Emerald over that period? Because much change is gradual and piecemeal the scale of the changes that have occurred can sweep by us. Let's look at some of the changes that have happened in Emerald over the last generation. In doing so it's often instructive to think if we were doing this exercise 25 years ago – what would we have we predicted.

I suspect not much. Here are twelve developments that have changed Emerald in the last 25 years.

- Development of the Hills Hub
- Major Facilities upgrade at Worrell Reserve including the skate park
- Relocation of the SES with new facilities and new Police Station
- Opening of Woolworths Supermarket
- Closure of the National Bank branch and opening of the new Bendigo Bank branch
- New Vets and Childcare Centre and numerous other changes of businesses and business owners
- Lakeside Visitor Centre at Puffing Billy Railway
- Development of Pepi's Land into a major community facility
- Major Retail, Office and Business developments along the north side of Belgrave – Gembrook Road
- Two storey – medium density housing developments in Kings Road and other locations.
- Development of ANZAC Walk and a major boost in the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day events
- Slowing traffic speed in Kilvington Drive with a raised pedestrian crossing
- What would you add to the list?

Many of those changes were actions by Council or state government, some were agitation by groups and organisations in the community, some were individual landowner's decisions. In almost every case there were opportunities for the community to have input in one way or other about what was built or developed. But you had to be vigilant and look out for the opportunities. The EVA maintains a watching brief and seeks to input a community minded perspective where it can. The new Emerald Strategy Plan needs to encapsulate the views and ideas of the whole community – including young people who will be the future adult residents of Emerald. There is an old saying that if you design a town and its town centre so that it works whether you are 8 or 80 years old then it will work for everyone. Participate in the activities and consultation that is planned and help shape the future of Emerald.

Trevor Budge



Emerald
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Emerald U3A held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday. We had over 70 members attending, undoubtedly encouraged by the Devonshire tea to follow.



Getting a quorum gets tougher each year because our numbers keep growing. We always need 10% of membership attending. That was easy when we only had a membership in the 200s. Now we are well over 500 we need quite a crowd. We must be doing something right because the scone bakers were kept busy ensuring we had enough.

Everything we do has an eye to encouraging social interaction. Did you know that loneliness can reduce life expectancy? We work hard to keep our brains thinking, our bodies moving and ensuring plenty of opportunities for social connection. At our U3A you can do philosophy, discuss current affairs, write poetry or paint pictures. You can play Scrabble or Pickleball. We've got well over 50 different activities available. And with every class or activity the tea breaks in the middle are invariably alive with conversation.

Our Ranges Ward Councillor David Nickell was our guest speaker. His advocacy for all things Emerald made him an obvious choice. We learned about our opportunities to have a say in the Development of township plans by Council for Emerald and for Gembrook.

We welcomed three new members onto our management committee. Greater numbers mean there's more to be done keeping the wheels turning smoothly.

You can check us out on our website at [Here](#)



Rotary Club of Emerald and District



Another busy and successful month is coming to an end. 28th April was a social night at Griff's Place in Cockatoo. Something a bit different for the Hills – a Retro Arcade with pinball and driving arcade machines, 2 x Escape Rooms, Mini Golf, Giant Chess and a Vintage Apple Museum. If you were trying to escape from one of the two rooms, it was like taking part in the 1% club on steroids.

All in the main street of Cockatoo. An entertaining and challenging night. Takeaway pizzas from "Black Cockatoo" were welcome afterwards.

Deb Ball participants have commenced practise at Emerald Primary School's gym for the Sat. 13th June event. A great night ahead.



We sponsored **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)** day at Emerald Secondary College 1st May, with 80 Year 11 students participating in interactive sessions, including real-life scenarios, a crash survivor's story and braking tests. All encouraging active, responsible road citizens. Also on 1st May, a joint Club social occurred at Bensons in Belgrave, followed by a trip to the Cameo to view "I swear" a true story about John Davidson's and his life with Tourette syndrome.



May 2nd "**Rotary's got Talent**", at Lyndale College - Monash Children's Hospital Cancer Centre – Apheresis Therapy the Club's girl group The Spangles" performed two numbers.

15th May Rotary members attended the William Angliss Hospital to see the new **Children's Murals** unveiled; funded by the profits of the Nov. 2025 Rotary Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy. In the 22 years we have held the event we have raised \$851,250. Catch us in 2026, 29th Nov. at Gembrook Puffing Billy station.

12th May, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Canterbury's **FORaMEAL** project, we devoted our meeting to assist in the packing of 13,860 emergency relief meals for Overseas aid. FORaMEAL, is an initiative to help provide emergency relief meals for those impacted by natural disasters. Adding to over 250,000 free meals provided to vulnerable individuals and families across the Asia Pacific.



We are fortunate to support a diverse range of projects. One of these is the **Australian Himalayan Foundation** which was brought to us many years ago by our past member 'Greg' Gregory and his wife, Sue. Nepal was a very big part of their lives with Greg being part of Hunt's team making the first ascent of Everest in 1953. For many Australians, the Himalayan hinterland is an adventurer's playground, however for the remote communities in Nepal, Bhutan and the Indian Himalaya, access to basic health and education services is often out of reach and climate change poses a growing threat to Himalayan communities and livelihoods. Families face serious challenges such as poverty and natural disasters.

We were happy to donate again to this worthwhile cause, 19th May we presented Sue with \$1,000.



"**All in the Mind**" Sun 24th May at Cardinia Cultural Centre was well attended. Speakers included: Craig Hamilton, Australian's leading Mental Health advocate, and Lisa Palmer presenting on Trauma and Recovery. We also heard from Simon Flemming -Beyond Blue and "Understanding Men's Mental Health". Strategies to unlock a better night's sleep, Loneliness in Later life, Beyond Words – How play heals trauma and nurtures childhood wellbeing, and When medicine is useful and When it's not. A big thank you to everyone who supported this day including Bendigo Bank Monbulk, Meridian Concepts, Vibe, Emerald Psychology, Keystone Counselling, Emerald Village Pharmacy, and Rotary: Monbulk, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, Boronia, Ferntree Gully and Belgrave.

Read about the Golden hour Café (part of the Umbrella Dementia Cafes) in this edition of Emerald News. If you know of someone able to commit to a yearly funding please contact me.

Finally, we are again holding a Rotary Revealed night, Tue 2nd June at the Paradise Hotel. An ideal opportunity to come along to an Open House and hear about what we do. Entry is free but you must book via [Trybooking](#). Limited to 40 people. 7– 8.30pm.

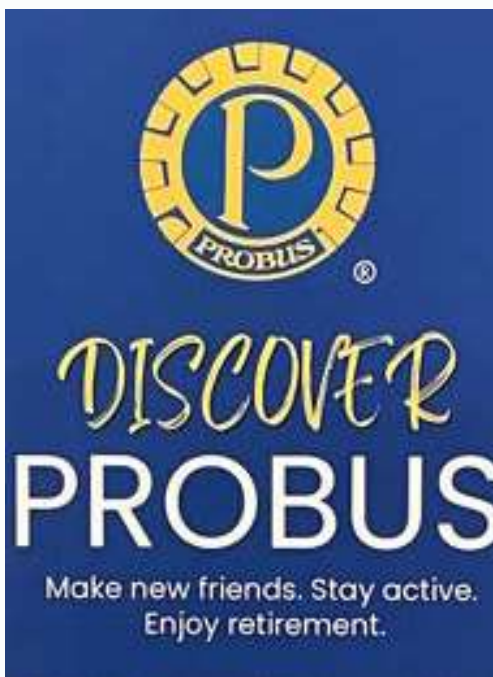
Or join us at an event or meeting (Tuesdays 6.45pm for 7pm at The Paradise Hotel). Call 0408 769 491 or 0417 038 707 or use our [website](#)

Dates for the calendar:

Rotary Revealed Tue 2nd June at the Paradise Hotel.

Deb Ball at Cathies Lane Receptions - Sat 13th June

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Emerald Ladies Probus Club

Probus is celebrating its 50th year in Australia and is encouraging more Australians to get involved.

Respected journalist and broadcaster Heather Ewart has been appointed Probus Ambassador and National Spokesperson to help promote this message through 2026.

Heather brings both professional credibility and a personal connection to Probus and its purpose. Her own mother was a Probus member, giving Heather firsthand insight into the powerful role social connection can play when Australians quit full time work, lose a partner or live remotely.



Since stepping back as presenter of the ABC's Back Roads program, Heather has remained an active and respected voice in Australian media and public life. She and her husband, journalist Barrie Cassidy, live in Melbourne and spend time at their holiday home on the New South Wales south coast.

Heather said Probus fills a vital role in the community both in the country, regional areas and in the city, and offers intellectual and social stimulation.

"When some Australians retire they miss the purpose and the companionship of the workplace or increasingly they find their time is taken up with caring for grandchildren," Ewart says. "In my mother's case in country Victoria, she was a semi-retired widow and joined Probus to meet new people in her own age group. She enjoyed the many social outings and events both local and interstate that were organised by Probus. It's wonderful to think that Probus has given so many Australians the opportunity to connect, to belong, and to keep learning over the past five decades."

Founded in Australia in 1976, Probus has grown into a nationwide network of local clubs open to retirees and semi-retirees from all walks of life. The organisation is non-political, non-religious and inclusive, welcoming people regardless of gender, cultural background or beliefs.

At its core, Probus is about social connection - something increasingly recognised as a critical contributor to physical and mental wellbeing. "As we live longer, staying socially engaged is essential," Ewart said. "Probus creates spaces where friendships are formed, ideas are exchanged, and people support one another through life's changes - including retirement, health challenges and caring responsibilities."



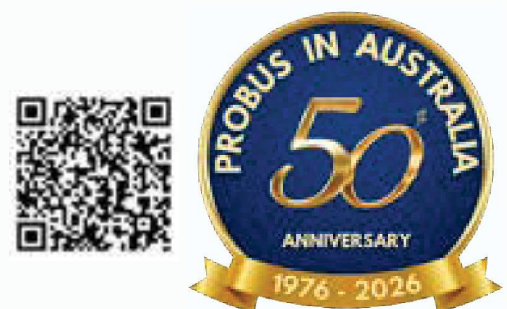
As Probus marks 50 years in Australia, the organisation is encouraging Australians approaching or navigating retirement to rethink what this stage of life can look like. "For many people, retirement can be the start of a richer, more connected chapter," Ewart said. "Probus has been making that possible for 50 years."

Emerald Ladies Probus Club has proudly been an active club in the Emerald community for 38 of the 50 years that Probus has been in Australia. Each month the club offers outings, lunches, coffee mornings, a craft session and a leisurely walking session and much more. If you're a retired or semi-retired lady and would like to be part of Emerald Ladies Probus club, or you'd like to find out more about their activities, you're welcome to attend a meeting.

The club meets on the third Monday of each month at the Emerald RSL, with meetings commencing at 10am followed by morning tea and a guest speaker. The next meeting is on Monday 15 June when the guest speaker will be from the 1812 Theatre in Ferntree Gully.

You can find more information by scanning the QR code or by contacting Anita on 0408 608 887.

Linda McIvor





Fernlea Community House has had a big month, with several important developments strengthening the way we support our local community.

We are delighted to share that Fernlea has been awarded an Australia Post People of Post Grant to expand our Community Permaculture Project. This funding will allow us to complete our new climate-resilient wicking-bed garden, so community members can learn sustainable gardening skills, grow fresh produce and come together for shared meals. We extend our sincere thanks to Australia Post team member Brett Wakeman, who generously nominated Fernlea for this grant.

Alongside this, Fernlea has been working hard behind the scenes to support local carers through our Free Carers' Programme, launching June 16th. This program offers connection, respite, and practical support for those looking after loved ones. Our Respite Centre in Emerald remains a vital service for people living with life-limiting conditions, dementia, frailty or social isolation, providing personalised care while giving carers essential time to rest and recharge.

Demand for Fernlea's Foodbank also continues to grow as more local families and older residents face cost-of-living pressures. We are deeply grateful to our participating local businesses who act as donation points, and to every resident who donates. Your contributions directly support neighbours doing it tough.

This month, we are especially grateful to the Rotary Club of Emerald and District, who have generously covered \$600 worth of meat through Emerald Village Meats for our Foodbank. Their support makes a real and immediate difference to the households we assist, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for their commitment to local wellbeing.

Website: Fernlea-Community-House
Facebook Page: [Fernlea-Community-House](https://www.facebook.com/Fernlea-Community-House)

Fernlea Community House continues to offer a wide range of programs, workshops and community activities designed to bring people together and strengthen social connection. One of those that currently brings us great joy is the Inter-Generational Playgroup. If you walk past FCH on a Wednesday morning, you'll hear a distinct mix of sounds: high-pitched giggles, the steady rhythm of classic storytelling, and a whole lot of shared laughter.

This program brings together Fernlea guests, local seniors and toddlers (along with their parents/ caregivers) for an hour of pure connection. While it looks like simple fun from the outside, what's happening in these sessions is incredibly powerful for everyone involved.

Bringing different generations together isn't just a lovely idea; it meets some really deep community needs. Here is a snapshot of what makes this playgroup so impactful:

- * **Combating Isolation:** For many seniors, standard social routines can shrink over time. This group provides a meaningful, weekly anchor that fosters a genuine sense of purpose and belonging.

- * A **"Grandparent Effect"** for Kids: Many young families live far away from extended relatives. This program gives children the chance to interact with older adults, building empathy, patience, and social confidence.

- * **Mutual Joy:** Whether it's sharing a picture book, building a tower of blocks, or singing nursery rhymes, the activities bridge the decades effortlessly. We are always looking to grow this program. If you know of other Fernlea guests and local seniors who might join us, or a family with young kids who would love to participate, point them our way.

We encourage locals to drop into the House, say hello, learn more about what we do, or find out how to get involved. With the support of our volunteers, partners and local community, Fernlea remains a welcoming place where people can connect, learn and feel supported.

Thank you to everyone who continues to stand with us as we work to meet the growing needs of our community.

To see what's happening each week, visit www.fch.org.au.

Ross Farmer

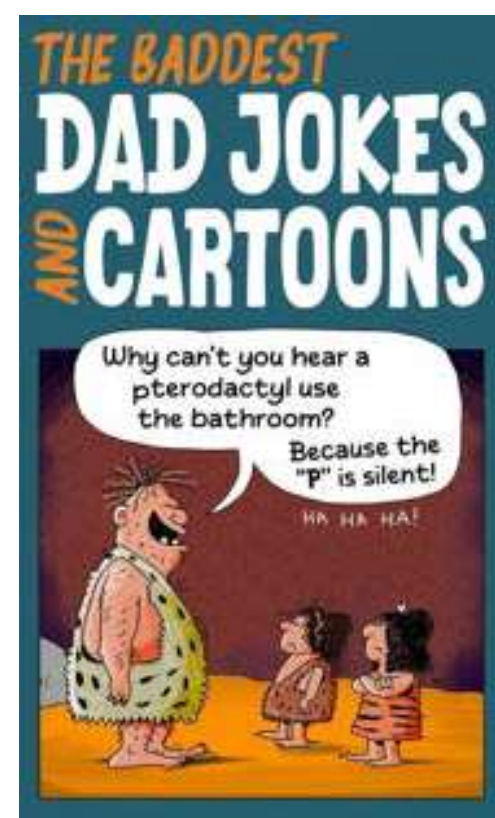
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Manager - Fernlea Community House



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Work/Life Harmony

There is no denying that we live in a fast-paced world. Many of us wish we had more hours in a day but I wonder if that would mean, those would then just be consumed with the never ending 'To do' list. While we can't slow down time, WE can slow down and create a stronger sense of work-life harmony to ease the weight of an overwhelming life.

Work-life harmony is a way of living where our responsibilities and personal needs support each other rather than compete with one another. It isn't about giving an equal amount of attention to every part of your life. Instead, it's about allowing your work, relationships, hobbies, health and mental health time to coexist in a way that feels fulfilling and sustainable.

Achieving and maintaining harmony in your life can feel challenging, however when it's missing or out of balance, our mental health tends to take a toll. The good news is that small intentional practices can make a meaningful difference.

One helpful strategy is setting clear boundaries between work and personal time. When you finish work for the day, give yourself permission to switch off. This means no checking emails and no "just one more task". This allows you to have a break from your workload. Make time in your day to notice and appreciate the small moments. This could be as simple as appreciating the warm coffee in your

hands, the sunlight peeking through the trees, or a kind interaction. Taking these in moments can help ground you and give yourself time to enjoy the present.

Most importantly, offer yourself grace. Life moves in waves, some days are busy, some days are calm. During the overwhelming moments, returning to these small practices can help restore a sense of harmony. These may not fix the bigger problems but they will go a long way to creating a little balance between external life chaos and internal peacefulness.

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Speech-a-Thon at Toastmasters

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Toastmasters International is a globally recognized organization dedicated to helping individuals develop their communication and leadership skills. Our club serves as a safe and friendly environment where members can practice public speaking, receive constructive feedback, and grow at their own pace. The upcoming Speech-a-Thon will showcase a series of short, entertaining, inspiring and thought-provoking speeches delivered by members.

3rd of June come and join us at the Hills Hub 400A Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald at 7:30pm for our Speech-a-thon. We meet at 7:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at Hills Hub Emerald. Guests and visitors are most welcome. Find the event on Facebook or call 0418 950 621 to RSVP.

Cr David Nickell Report

It's been a busy few months focussed on Cardinia's budget and getting a fair and reasonable policy in place at Cardinia to continue working with locals to get local roads constructed. But that work aside, I'm also pleased to report a number of initiatives are well underway for our communities in the Eastern Dandenong Ranges.

Cockatoo Dog off leash area

Hopefully of interest to all dog lovers in the Hills, this exciting project in the picturesque Alma Treloar Reserve has reached practical completion, on budget and on time. Watch this space for news of the official opening.

Emerald Lake Park

A grant application has been submitted to the Pick My Park Round 2 initiative, this will complement the allocated funds from the 27/28 budget and if successful will provide immediate works to support proposed minor Capital improvement to key visitor amenities including toilet blocks, access ways and features supporting activation. The grant application is aligned with the proposed works for year 2 of the Draft Capital Plan and Master Plan implementation works. Round 2 announcement of successful projects will occur later in 2026. Independent of the grant, precinct level design scoping, and targeted stakeholder engagement to commence next (27/28) financial year.

Puffing Billy Place masterplan

The updated plan has been received from the consultant which reflects a more flexible plan to allow for landowner to expand (PBR) to seek adoption this calendar year

Emerald FNC Netball Court

Council officers are working with the club and contractors to produce a scope that can be delivered within the club's budget. Things are progressing positively with the aim of works commencing in the coming summer.

Final works on sealing the hills

Minor civil and drainage outstanding works underway on various roads across the Hills.

Emerald and Gembrook Township Strategy

Community engagement has started and is working to identify what the community values in the town centre — ongoing until 28 June 2026.



Now is your opportunity to complete the online survey and I encourage you to join the Sat 13 June — Citizen Planning Walk event, 10–11 am, starting outside the Emerald Post Office

Please make the most of these early opportunities to let us know what you value and love about our towns and how you'd like them to develop to still be great places to live, play, visit and work in the future.

**David Nickell -
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Johns Hill Landcare Group News about Pepisland and Emerald Primary School

Pepisland – This project dates back twenty years to 2006 and has been a successful collaboration between Johns Hill Landcare and Cardinia Shire. Pepisland was a farm, the slopes had been cleared to grow crops and there were also remnants of a tree nursery. Johns Hill Landcare had started to plant plots along the west boundary, to protect an ephemeral creek with beautiful old tree ferns. We had assistance from Emerald Scouts and Emerald Primary School.

In about 2013, a more structured approach resulted in a Master Plan being published by Cardinia Shire. The definition of the potential use of the area became visible with the construction of the sweeping pathways around the slopes. But it was still bare. Johns Hill Landcare had applied for many grants to keep broadening the west boundary. We used fencing and weed matting of various textures and had many planting days.

Cardinia Shire commenced populating the open spaces with trees in a woodland formation, small plots half way down the slope and then more intensive work on the south eastern boundary which included two dams. Firstly, the dams needed repairing and replanting. The willows were finally removed and now we see extensive planting surround the dams. All this work has taken many years but the result is amazing. Today, Pepisland is a fabulous public space and greatly valued by the community.

Emerald Primary School – Grade 5 and 6 students and some members of Emerald Rotary Club enlisted the help of Johns Hill Landcare to run a couple of classes about the environment. On a very cold and wet day, the children were introduced to Eucalyptus (gums) and Acacias (wattles). They had a look and feel of seed examples from both types, then had a go at processing seed from a branch. We discovered that the tallest flowering plant in the world is found in our area, Eucalyptus regnans Mountain Ash, at 100m in height.



Two Dams planting by Cardinia Shire & contractor at Pepisland – Julie Thompson



Emerald Primary School learning about Acacias at Pepisland – Emerald Rotary



During our second class, we ventured into Pepisland to examine wattles up close. We learnt that all acacia or wattle flowers are arranged in clusters that are balls or spikes, usually yellow. True leaves, which all wattles show as seedlings, are feathery. Some acacias always keep this sort of leaf like Silver Wattle. Most acacias, however, have leaf stalks called phyllodes which may be flat, spiny or needle-like. They act and look like a leaf but are not. The grassy slope proved irresistible at Pepisland as many students ran down with great excitement. It was no trouble for them to run up the hill, their energy and enthusiasm boundless. Not so for me!

Community Connections – Johns Hill Landcare would like to thank Bendigo Bank for their support. If you need assistance with banking, please reach out to them in Emerald or Upwey. Thanks also, goes to Fernlea Community House for giving us a warm welcome as new members.

Julie Thompson

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You are invited to attend an informative session to learn about: how to register for aged care services, the assessment process for aged care services, the various funding options available to help you continue living at home and The Care Finder Program – who is eligible and support it offers. Supported by Mentis Assist; OM:NI and COTA Victoria

Friday 26 June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Carer's Group - FREE

Supporting those who support others. Offering carers of people with disability, mental illness or elderly people a chance to get together and learn more about news, services and support available to them whilst having a cuppa and a chat.

1st Thursday each month: 2 Jul, 6 Aug & 3 Sep 10am - 12pm

Forget-Me-Not Café - FREE

This café style program brings together people living with dementia and their loved ones. The café is a nurturing space offering enrichment, support and understanding, where you can share experiences with others living with the challenges of dementia. Come along to enjoy activities, entertainment and refreshments.

Tues: 16 June, 21 July, 18 August & 15 September 10am - 12pm

Laughter Yoga

Laughter is the best medicine a fun and effective program beneficial for your wellbeing. It is not traditional yoga but involves deep breathing exercises, which turn into laughter to reduce stress, anxiety, depression and strengthen the immune system. We all feel better when we laugh.

Tuesdays, 6pm - 7pm Cost: \$2 per session

Ladies Over 60s Friendship Group

Enjoy a coffee, a chat and want to make friends? This friendly group comes together for activities and occasional outings.

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Wednesdays commencing 10 June for 3 sessions, 10am - 12.30pm

Puzzle Group

This group is perfect for the puzzle enthusiast to have some fun and complete puzzles with others whilst forming friendships.

Sundays - 7 June & 21 June, 2, 16 & 30 August, 13 September 9am - 11am Cost: \$6 per session

Men's Discussion Group - OM:NI

(For Men Over 60) Meet for a coffee and a chat. Discuss issues of interest and concern, with plenty of laughs. Meet new people in a friendly welcoming atmosphere.

Evening: 1st Wed of the month - 1 Jul, 5 Aug, 2 Sep 7pm – 9.30pm Cost \$6 per session OR Morning: 2nd Wed of the month - 8 Jul, 12 Aug, 9 Sep 9.15am for a 9.30am start - 12pm Cost: \$6 per session Supported by OM:NI and COTA Vic.

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Proactive Dementia Screening a Growing Focus at Emerald Medical Centre

Dementia is becoming one of Australia's most significant health challenges, with an estimated 433,300 Australians currently living with the condition. Behind every number, however, is a person, a family, and a story that deserves understanding, dignity, and support.

For many families, memory concerns can be confronting and emotional. It is not always easy to know what may be part of normal ageing and what may require further assessment. Dementia can affect far more than memory alone, impacting communication, confidence, independence, relationships, and emotional wellbeing.

Some people may be at higher risk, including older Australians and those with diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hearing loss, smoking history, social isolation, or a family history of dementia. Early signs can sometimes include forgetfulness, confusion, difficulty finding words, or changes in mood and daily functioning.

Within communities like the Hills, trusted relationships with local healthcare providers can help create earlier conversations around cognitive health and allow people to access support sooner.

At Emerald Medical Centre, there is a growing focus on dementia education, proactive screening, improved care planning, and coordinated support for patients and carers. Over the next 12

months, the clinic will also be participating in further dementia awareness and screening initiatives aimed at identifying and supporting more people at risk earlier.

Families should never feel they are navigating these challenges alone.

Kirby Thompson

Practice Nurse, and Jonathon Somers, Occupational Therapist & Clinical Coordinator, Emerald Medical Centre

Musical Notes

Inc: The Lyrebirds Community Choir



The Lyrebirds have been hard at work learning new (amazing) repertoire for our performance at the iconic Belgrave Lantern Festival coming up on the 20th of June. This is always such a beautiful community evening so if you haven't been before, maybe this year is a great time to come. Make sure to rug up though as it can get chilly, but it is oh so worth it.

We will be performing outside the Inspiro Centre at around 5.30, so come on over and say Hello! Thought it was time to introduce you to the heart and soul of The Lyrebirds, Our super talented Director Dalys, and our wonderful accompanist Steve. We are so fortunate to have two extremely talented people with us. If you have ever thought of joining a choir, why not come along and have a look. First night is free, there is no audition process, we welcome any and all to join us.



Are you a musician that loves getting together with others for an impromptu jam session? Did you know there is a new program run every 2nd Thursday Evening at Fernlea Community House? It is hosted by Dave & Annie, two very talented musicians but you may know of them more from their Telopea Gardens fame.

I attended the last session held, and it was a truly fun evening. There were keyboards, Banjos, drums, ukuleles, mandolins, guitars and many voices all combining for a really great night of fun and friendship. Come along to the next one, only \$5.00 a session to cover the costs, all welcome, of any experience level, and you don't even need to bring an instrument, you can just come and sing along. For more information, or to check the dates, head on over to Fernlea Community houses Facebook page for all the details.

If you have any musical info, you need shared, please get in touch eliseturnedge.music@gmail.com

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Shannyn Trevorah is a dedicated Myotherapist based in Emerald

Shannyn brings nearly two decades of hands-on experience to our local community. Since graduating with a Bachelor of Health Science in Myotherapy in 2008, Shannyn has built this practice from the ground up, helping people to move better, feel better, and get more out of everyday.

Shannyn shares - 'My passion for the field began early. While studying, I gained valuable experience working with the Richmond Football Club. I was exposed to elite-level sports injuries and treatment techniques. This experience helped shape my practical skills and deepened my understanding of how the body responds to both stress and recovery.'

Myotherapy focuses on diagnosis, treatment and ongoing management of muscle, nerve and joint pain. While sharing similarities with physiotherapy, the approach is often more hands-on and soft tissue-focused. Treatment begins with a detailed clinical assessment which informs the patient's care plan.

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Medical Referrals: Many GPs and specialists refer patients to myotherapists. Anyone can attend the clinic however, no referral is required.

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Shannyn Trevorah B.H.Sc. (Myotherapy)



Health Insurance & Rebates:
Most major private health funds in Australia provide rebates for myotherapy.

Government Classification:
Myotherapy was formally recognized in the Occupation Standard Classification for Australia in late 2024, marking a major milestone for its status as a distinct healthcare discipline.

Self-Regulated: Unlike doctors, nurses, or physiotherapists, myotherapists are not registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

Professional Associations:
Recognition is maintained through peak bodies like the Myotherapy Association Australia or Massage & Myotherapy Australia. These organizations set the standards for clinical practice, ethics, and continuing education.



ECHO Youth and Family Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Naomi Dewar as our new Chief Executive Officer.

With more than 25 years of experience in community outreach, youth and family support, and pastoral care, Naomi is a passionate and dedicated leader committed to strengthening vulnerable children, families, and local communities across the Hills region. Most recently, Naomi served as Project Coordinator for our Hills Community Strengthening Initiative, our mentoring & family support program.



After nine years as CEO, Nicole Lane is stepping down from the role. We thank Nicole for her outstanding leadership and contribution to ECHO and wish her every success in the future.

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MONTHLY BOOK REVIEW

Welcome to Your New World by Anna Krien



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In an era where our relationship with nature, technology, and each other is constantly shifting, author Anna Krien has gifted us a brilliant lens through which to process it all.

Her latest book, *Welcome to Your New World*, is a beautifully crafted, thought-provoking collection of essays that examines what it means to be human in a rapidly changing environment.

Krien, known for her sharp investigative journalism and empathetic storytelling, turns her gaze to the intersecting crises of our time. She invites readers along on a journey that feels deeply personal yet globally significant, directly echoing the conversations we are having right here in our own neighborhoods.

One of the standout essays in the collection focuses on the Australian landscape—our forests, fires, and the deep resilience of the communities tasked with protecting them.

Krien has a rare gift for translating complex scientific and political realities into intimate human stories. She introduces us to frontline activists, farmers, and everyday citizens who are adapting to this "new world" we find ourselves in. Their stories are not just about survival; they are about connection, community stewardship, and hope.

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This month's photo

Currently, discussion has been taking place to undertake some restoration work on this facility. 'Yes it is named after a well known Emerald personality.' How did it come about. We actually have 3 of them. The U3A have organised a one off lecture on Hilde and Hans Knorr by one of their relatives. I believe there is a link there. Some really good early Emerald History

Dick Bartley

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Last month's painted white rocks stumped even the experts.

They are located outside the Menzies Creek Station.

Was MC known as AURA (gold bearing area!)?



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A Warm Welcome, A Simple Coffee The Golden Hour Café Creating Connection and Support in Emerald

In Emerald something quietly powerful is taking shape — a place where conversation flows easily, laughter comes naturally, and no one has to explain themselves.

The Golden Hour Café, launched by the Rotary Club of Emerald & District, opened its doors at Emerald RSL, creating a welcoming space where people living with dementia and their partners can enjoy conversation, friendship, and support in a relaxed setting.

Behind the initiative is a clear, compassionate vision: to ensure that those living with dementia — and those who care for them — remain socially connected, engaged and supported within their own community.

Operating on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10am–12 noon, the café is designed to help people stay socially connected and engaged within their community — something that can become increasingly difficult for those navigating the challenges of dementia.

Developed in partnership with Umbrella Dementia Cafes, the program combines coffee and conversation with enjoyable group activities tailored to participants' interests.



Sessions are thoughtfully structured to balance familiarity and stimulation. The first hour centres around coffee, conversation and connection — celebrating birthdays, sharing stories and easing into the morning. The second hour shifts to activities shaped by the interests of the group, from music and games to crafts, puzzles or even themed experiences. At all times there is a focus on creating a friendly and inclusive atmosphere where everyone feels comfortable and valued.

Rotarian Kristine Ash, who has been instrumental in establishing the café, said the response from the community has already been incredibly positive.

“Living with dementia can sometimes feel isolating for both the person experiencing it and their carer,” she said. “The café gives people an opportunity to connect with others, share experiences and simply enjoy some time together in a welcoming environment.”

The Golden Hour Café also highlights the important role local community groups can play in supporting wellbeing and reducing social isolation. With dementia affecting increasing numbers of Australians, initiatives that provide practical and emotional support close to home are becoming more valuable than ever.

A dedicated team of trained volunteers, many if then Rotarians, helps run each session, ensuring participants feel safe, included and supported. Volunteers have undertaken specialised dementia training through Umbrella Dementia Cafes and Dementia Training Australia.

The Rotary Club of Emerald & District would like to thank those who helped bring the initiative to life, including Falcone and Adams, Thats Right Bookkeeping, OrgMent Business Solutions, the Cardinia Community Foundation, Rotary District 9815 and the Emerald RSL for generously providing the venue.

The next Golden Hour Café sessions will be held on 3 June and 17 June from 10am–12 noon at the Emerald RSL - if you would like to attend on either of these dates with your partner please call Sally on 0417 444 799 so we can ensure there is a warm welcome on the mat for you!

For more general information about the program, contact Kristine Ash on 0412 399 001 or visit <https://www.emeraldrotary.org.au/page/rotary-golden-hour-cafe>.

Kristine Ash





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Des Jones will be singing the hits of Elvis, Buddy Holly, Dion DiMucci, The Beatles, Chuck Berry, Neil Diamond, The Monkees, The Crickets, The Doors ... and more!

Bring your friends, all welcome!

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Thanks Chris!

After many years as our diligent and dedicated bar manager, Chris Cullen has decided it's time to move to the other side of the bar and enjoy a few well-earned beers!

Thanks for everything Chris, and cheers!



WWII Willys Jeep

On Thursday 14th May Ian Hall proudly displayed and provided the history of his Jeep, a genuine late-war U.S. Army Willys MB, presented as a field communications/ headquarters support vehicle.

Patrons were keen to inspect the vehicle & trailer, and listen to Ian recount colourful stories of the 83-year-old vehicle – including its war service history. Our thanks to Ian for the very interesting presentation.



Our website is www.emeraldrsl.com.au and our Facebook page is Emerald RSL Sub-Branch Inc.



Crazy Whist

Congratulations to the winners of our May 23rd Crazy Whist cards game – Debbie and Clyde! Lots of fun and laughs! Shout out to Vanessa and Clyde Pryn for organising the night. The next game will be Saturday August 22nd.



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Puffing Billy Railway Community train event Sun 24th May

Gemco created a lovely day with a story about a playground steam engine read to the children while adults enjoyed a coffee and a sausage from the Coffee Express in Gemco's train carriage.

Emerald Secondary College buskers added great entertainment.



A great day had
by all



Creating Cardinia on the move
We're coming to see you! 9am-2pm Sat
June 13 at the Lost Woods Market
Puffing Billy Park. Emerald Station.
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We want to hear from residents,
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an urban design assessment of
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JASON WOOD

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR LA TROBE

Authorised by Jason Wood MP, Liberal Party of Australia
Unit 3, 16 Langmore Ln, Berwick VIC 3806.



The Hills Photographic Society



Our last competition night featured the theme Birds and Animals.

There were many entries, as the bird and animal life - not only in the Dandenongs but across the region - is varied, colourful, and provides wonderful opportunities for photographers.

The quality of the entries was excellent, and the judge had a difficult task selecting the winning images.

Our judge and guest speaker for the evening was Joseph Bailouni, a Melbourne-based photographer and educator. Joseph is the founder of JB Photohouse, operating throughout Victoria and well known for his small-group wildlife, landscape, and macro photography workshops.

JB Photohouse,
<https://www.jbphotohouse.com.au>

On 11 June, Glyn Lavender will present a talk titled Dog Car Window – Better Travel Photos.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Hills Photographic Society is very welcome to attend one of our meetings to see what we are about. If you enjoy the experience, you may wish to consider becoming a member.



For more information regarding 'The Hills Photographic Society', contact: secretary@hillsphotographicsociety.org.au And find us at: [Facebook](#)

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Flaura & Fauna Feature: Royal Spoonbills

1 of 6 spoonbill species world wide; and 1 of 2 in Australia. While widespread, they are sensitive to habitat destruction, & are classified as vulnerable in Victoria. During breeding season even minor disruptions by humans can cause a whole colony to abandon their nests.

They are highly successful hunters, using sensory receptors inside their specialized black, spoon-shaped bills to detect & catch prey as they blind-sweep wetlands. Success rate - 65%

Breeding adults develop long white plumes on back of head up to 20 cm long in male birds (usually shorter in females)



Photos by Pauline White



They primarily nest in colonies, often sharing breeding grounds with other waterbirds. Their nests are typically situated in the crowns of trees over water, though will also use high reeds, rushes, or even rock stacks in coastal areas.



CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Volunteer Training Workshops

Connected Communities

Upcoming FREE Volunteer Training Workshops for Community Groups

Hi everyone, We're excited to invite you to register for our upcoming free Volunteer Training Workshops taking place from June through August 2026.

Throughout the year, Council hosts a range of workshops to support our community organisations—including Community Asset Committees, Neighbourhood Houses, Sporting Clubs, Men's Sheds, Township Committees, to name just a few.

Come along, learn something new and register for a session that interests you.

Upcoming sessions include:

Creating Promotional Materials with Canva

Wed 17 Jun, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

This hands-on session introduces participants to Canva's features and shows how not-for-profits can use the platform to create stunning graphics, videos, newsletters, and more. Participants will learn how to set up their group's branding, use free templates and design elements, and collaborate with others to produce effective promotional content.

Register here:

[Volunteer Training Workshop: Creating Promotional Materials with Canva – Registration](#)

Strategic Planning

Wed 15 Jul, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

This workshop supports community groups in understanding the planning process and the importance of thoughtful preparation to avoid distractions and mission drift. Participants will explore why strategic planning matters, when to revisit the vision, and how to engage members and stakeholders effectively.

Register here:

[Volunteer Training Workshop: Strategic Planning – Registration](#)

Event Planning and Promotion

Tue 28 Jul, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

This session helps participants build a strong foundation for their events, from setting clear objectives and identifying the target audience to developing a comprehensive plan, managing budgets and risks, and promoting effectively. Participants will gain practical tools to bring their events to life with confidence, clarity, and purpose.

Register here: [Volunteer Training Workshop: Event Planning and Promotion – Registration](#)

Understanding Financials for Committee Members

Wed 19 Aug, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

This workshop breaks down how to assess financial health, develop budgets, implement strong financial controls, and connect financial decisions with the organisation's strategic goals. By the end, participants will have the skills to read financial reports with confidence, ask the right questions, and make well informed decisions that support their organisation's financial sustainability and future.

Register here: [Volunteer Training Workshop: Understanding Financials for Committees – Registration](#)

For further information please email connectedcommunities@cardinia.vic.gov.au

or visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/volunteering

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:

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ART IN THE PARK

Set in Emerald Lake Park's old tea rooms with Free entry

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Autumn is the perfect time to visit Art in the Park.

All artworks are for sale and can be taken home at the time of purchase. The Gallery shop also sells a large collection of bespoke artist creations, including cards, prints, pottery, jewellery, resin products, small artworks etc. It's an ideal place to find an authentic gift that represents this region.

Community Health News from Mandala Clinic

What's New?

You may have noticed some changes happening over here at Mandala Clinic. We have been quietly growing behind the scenes, and we're excited to share all our updates with our Emerald community.

In July of last year, Dr Sarwat Sabir became the new owner of our beloved medical clinic; a natural step after joining us in April 2025 and quickly becoming an integral part of the team.

With her extensive background in women's health, paediatrics, and family-planning, she's brought fresh energy and expertise that patients have already come to appreciate.

Dr Khai Mark opened Mandala Clinic over 45 years ago and remains a much-loved and trusted doctor here, continuing to provide medical care for new and existing patients.

These changes have been a positive transition for our clinic; one that reflects our commitment to providing exceptional care for Emerald.

New Government-Funded Vaccines for Older Australians

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) is a common and highly contagious virus, but for older adults, young children, and people with certain health conditions, it can cause more serious lower respiratory tract infections. That's why doctors at Mandala Clinic are letting the community know about the government-funded RSV vaccine now available for persons 75 and over, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 60-74 years.

The vaccine gives your body extra protection so that if you do catch RSV, you're far less likely to become seriously unwell. Many people think of RSV as "just another cold" but for vulnerable people it can mean days of discomfort or even a hospital visit. Having access to this new vaccine is a simple and effective way to look after yourself and people around you.

If you're unsure whether you're eligible or want to understand how the vaccine works, the team at Mandala Clinic are always happy to talk things through and help you make the choice that feels right for you.

Winter Skin Checks

Even in the cooler months, your skin deserves consistent care. Winter is an ideal time for a thorough skin check; fewer sun-exposed days mean your natural skin tone is more visible, making it easier for our doctors to spot new, changing, and irregular moles and other skin abnormalities.

Our clinic offers a warm, welcoming environment where you can stay comfortable while our certified doctors ensure your skin health is on track. A simple check now can make a meaningful difference later.

Phone our friendly reception team on 5968 3733 or visit mandalaclinic.com.au to book your appointment today!

Bulk-Billing Under-16s

We understand how stressful it is when your child isn't feeling well, and the last thing you should have to worry about is whether or not it's the "right" time to see a doctor.

At Mandala Clinic, your child's health comes first, always. That's why we provide bulk billing for all persons under the age of 16 all day, Monday to Saturday. Whenever your little one needs care, we're here to make things a little easier for you and a lot more comfortable for them.



Emerald Men's Shed

The Emerald Men's Shed was established for men. However, a couple of years ago, we recognised that there was a demand for a wider community coverage, so we started a community group which attends on Wednesdays.

There is a limit on workspace available on any day, so currently we have women on the waiting list. To meet the demand, we propose to trial opening on Fridays from 1 to 4 pm from the 26th June.

While we do not run formal courses, we do have a supervisor on duty to assist as needed.

There is a joining fee of \$25 and annual fee of \$50 which is reduced late in the year.

We usually have a break during the session for a chat and a cuppa.



Emerald Museum



A Stop at the Packing Shed

On Sunday 24 May, Puffing Billy held its annual Community Day offering FREE train travel for local people. This year passengers could choose to get off at the Nobelius Packing Shed and then stroll down to the Lake.

Volunteers at the Emerald Museum were on hand to greet the 70+ people who chose to get off at the Packing Shed.

The visitors wandered down to the Museum where they enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea and the opportunity to learn more about their local history as depicted in the artifacts, photographs and documents on display.



Some visitors then chose to join a guided tour of the Nobelius Heritage Park which is at peak Autumn glory. The tour group learnt about the concept behind the creation of the Nobelius Heritage Park (a memorial to the formerly great tree nursery as well as to early settlement industries of the area). They were also introduced to the structures and significant trees and other plantings in the Park.

Nobelius Heritage Park Audio Tour



In 1914, Nobelius had three million trees for sale, and his nursery – the Gembrook Nurseries also known as the Nobelius Nurseries – was considered the biggest in the Southern Hemisphere exporting stock to many countries as well as throughout Australia. Astonishingly, all this horticultural and commercial activity was happening in our own Emerald which would have been quite a small town over one hundred years ago.

It was a pleasure for Museum volunteers to be able to introduce the Museum and the Park to so many locals. We are grateful that Puffing Billy was able to stop at the Packing Shed this year and hope that everyone enjoyed their visit.

If you missed out on the Nobelius Heritage Park tour, you do have the option of taking an audio tour when you next visit the Park. The QR code is available on the Museum website and is also displayed outside the Museum. Narrated by the 'voice of Emerald', veteran actor John Sheills, the Museum is delighted that now more people will be able to learn about this beautiful and historic place.

Anne Carter

Now you can visit the Nobelius Heritage Park in Crichton Road and learn about its historical features and significant trees as you wander through it. You will find the audio tour on the Emerald Museum website. You are also very welcome to visit the Emerald Museum located within the Park. Open Sundays 12.00-3.00 and Wednesdays 10.00-3.00 or to groups by appointment.



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Ambulance Auxiliary Advocates for Increased Access to Life- saving Devices

*Acting TM Josh Burrett & Auxiliary
President Sophie Taylor*



Emerald and District Ambulance Victoria Auxiliary is asking local community groups with an indoor automated external defibrillator (AED) to get in touch, as the auxiliary looks to fund 24/7 publicly accessible cabinets for existing community defibrillators thanks to generous community donations and local fundraising.

AEDs are life-saving devices used to attempt to shock the heart back into normal function when a patient is in cardiac arrest.

The new cabinets mean the defibrillators will be available 24/7 in a visible, outdoor, public location where they can be easily accessed in the event of a cardiac arrest, rather than inside buildings and available only during opening hours.

Cardiac arrest survival rates are significantly boosted by the swift action of bystanders who use publicly accessible AEDs.

The latest Ambulance Victoria data shows that when first shocked by a public AED, an incredible 63 per cent of cardiac arrest patients survive.

Victoria has the best cardiac arrest survival rates in Australia and the second best anywhere in the world, thanks to the high level of bystander intervention and early access to CPR and defibrillation.

Every day, around 21 Victorians suffer a cardiac arrest and only one in 10 survive. For every minute CPR is delayed, survival decreases by 10%.

The auxiliary will be working with local community groups to help determine the best locations for a purpose-built, waterproof, outdoor donated cabinet to ensure community AEDs are publicly available for anyone, at any time, in a life-threatening emergency.

The new cabinets could mean the difference between life and death for someone in cardiac arrest.

You don't need training to use an AED. If someone is in cardiac arrest and an AED is available, simply open the cabinet to access the device and follow the instructions.

All local community groups, businesses, shop owners and sports clubs should ensure their AEDs are registered with up-to-date details on AV's AED registry, so Triple Zero (000) call-takers can direct people to them in an emergency.

Anyone can also search the AED registry to see where AEDs are located in their local area.

Ambulance Victoria Auxiliaries play an integral role in providing their local branches and community with equipment and education through fundraising initiatives, in addition to raising awareness of Ambulance Victoria and the work of its people.

Made up of community-minded volunteers, Ambulance Victoria Auxiliaries across the state have a proud history dating back more than 100 years. The Emerald and District Ambulance Victoria Auxiliary has been an active part of the community for more than 42 years.

If you have an AED in the Emerald and district area which isn't publicly accessible 24/7, contact auxiliaries@ambulance.vic.gov.au to learn more about the available AED cabinets.

Emerald and District Ambulance Victoria Auxiliary



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Term 2

Program: May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

SYG: June 6th - 8th

Program: June 12th, 19th

Term 3

Program: July 31st, August 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, Sep 4th, 11th

Term 4

Program: Oct 16th, 23rd, 30th, Nov 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Night Church

Term 2: May 3rd, June 21st, (excluding King's birthday)

Term 3: July 19th, September 13th,

Term 4: October 11th, December 6th



PET OF THE MONTH

Angel (black) & Arlo are this month's winners.!

in the pram..

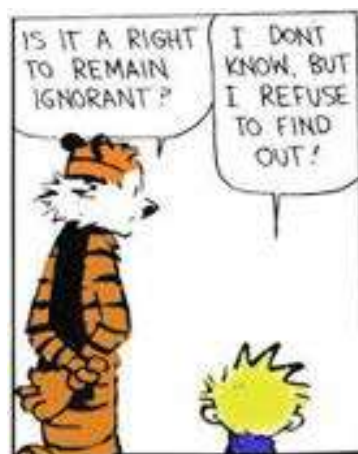
PET OF THE MONTH

..on tour in the campervan

Angel, a black Chihuahua/Poodle cross, is well known around Emerald. She is 11 and spent many years at Emerald Community House Childcare. A trained Therapy dog, Angel settled many little ones in Childcare. She also spent time at Emerald Glades giving cuddles and her special kind of connection that helped many residents with their day.

Arlo, a long haired Chihuahua, is her best friend, he is 4 years old and can be seen around town in his pram or his backpack. (very precious this one, walking is not his favourite thing to do). When not bringing smiles to Emerald locals these two love to travel Australia with their Mum and Dad in the campervan, sitting up proudly in their double decker car seats.

Karen Jinnette



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Georgie & Miah

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14 JUN RD 8 - MEXICAN MEALS NIGHT

15 JUN TEAM PHOTOS WEEK (SESSIONS TBA)

21 JUN RD 9

28 JUN RD 10 - CHARITY ROUND & MEALS NIGHT TBC

2/5 JUL KICKING MASTER CLINICS

4 JUL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

5 JUL RD 11 - MIDDLE OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

12 JUL RD 12

19 JUL RD 13

26 JUL RD 14 - SPONSOR & PIZZA MEALS NIGHT

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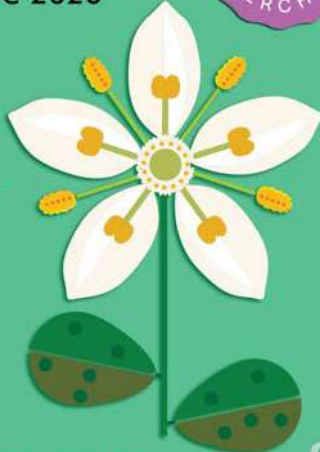
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Your opportunity to get involved in the Emerald & Gembrook Township Strategy

Community engagement has started and is working to identify what the community values in the town centre — ongoing until 28 June 2026.

Complete the online survey on the Creating Cardinia page



'What is Emerald?'

Sat 13 June Join in the Citizen Planning Walk event, 10-11 am, starting outside the Emerald Post Office

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Alabaster Church – Hills

Interest Meeting: You're invited to an interest meeting to be part of an exciting new church starting in the Hills (reaching Monbulk, Emerald, and into Gembrook). Sunday 28th June at 4:00pm.

Our goal is to launch Alabaster Church Hills in late 2026. We are actively seeking men and women of all ages who are committed to being a lifelong follower of Jesus Christ and to discovering their God-given purpose, along with others who are on the same journey. At Hills Hub, 400a Belgrave – Gembrook Rd, Emerald

Meetings

Sunday 7th and 21st Morning: 10:00 am – Small Group meeting

Sunday at 2:00 pm: We are hosting outreach meetings

Tuesday Morning: 10:00 am – Prayer

Alabaster Hills Worship Night: Wed, 17th June, 6:30 pm

Celebrating the victory of the Cross of Christ through praise, worship and intercession! Arrive 6:30pm for connection and good old fashioned fellowship around food. Worship starts at 7:00 pm for a solid hour of lifting Jesus up in the Hills through song and prayer.

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



You're invited to attend NHW - Eastern Ranges June 2026 Meeting Cockatoo

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Emerald Secondary College Update



Emerald Secondary College update - it's all happening!

We are having a fantastic term 2 here at ESC, with so many wonderful things happening both on campus, and out into the wider community that it was hard to narrow down what to include in this month's update!

May kicked off with another positive and productive School Council meeting. Additional to our regular business, councillors and senior student representatives reviewed and discussed some exciting new ideas for our college...so watch this space!

I'm proud to share updates on some of the great things that you may not have heard about, as well as some opportunities to support the ESC school community, and students in charity fundraising efforts in the coming weeks.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any queries, feedback or opportunities for students that School Council can assist you with. Connecting the college with our local community is an incredibly important and valuable part of my role here at SC, and something I am personally very passionate about.

Proudly, Kara Montoneri
ESC SC President

ESC Inaugural Chess Tournament

What an exciting event - not only for the members of our ESC student Chess Club, but for the whole college. The entire school was buzzing as the day arrived to host what turned out to be a very successful competition, with ESC WINNING the Northern Star Chess Zonal School Championships.

Up against some much bigger schools, our homegrown team left the opposition in their wake!

Congratulations to:

Brad K - High Distinction & Tournament Star, James O-C - Year 11-12 GOLD, Riley W - Year 11-12 SILVER, Jude P - Year 9-10 SILVER, Liam S, Xavier H & Angus M - Regional Qualifiers.



In preparation, the stage at the Emerald Performing Arts Centre (EPAC) at the college, was turned into what looked like a set from 'The Queen's Gambit', and we welcomed schools from across Metropolitan Melbourne, as well as Gippsland Grammar who came all the way from Sale to compete. The competitors had a wonderful day putting their skills to the test, while making friends and connections around this age-old game.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success - Mr Ryan and Mr Powell for organising the event, Jay in Theatre, Peter and Ethan in IT supplying a keepsake for our team, Ms Ryan and the Interact Club alongside Rotary Club of Emerald & District our canteen staff, and all the teachers who supported the students.

An unforgettable day, the first of many more tournaments to come.

Music News! Emerald Secondary College has a rich history of producing incredible musicians and is stepping firmly back into the spotlight under the incredible guidance and talent of Ms Owen. Incredible things happening!

Puffing Billy Community Day Sun. 24th May, some VCE music students along with Ms Owen, volunteered time and talent to provide entertainment both at the Puffing Billy Playground, and within the carriage café at GEMCO theatre. An incredible day, with many community members thoroughly impressed by the music. Thanks Ms Owen, Jay and students.

Digital Sound Design Very excited to have had Musical Futures and the amazing @djsizzle bring their incredible Soul Sonics Program to ESC for students interested in music production. Our students got hands-on experience creating their own beats by sampling and editing original sounds, then programming them to produce some amazing tracks.

Such an inspiring opportunity for our young music creators to explore music production, creativity, and digital sound design!

Winter Concert Thu Jun 4, 6:30 EPAC



Please come along and support the music students of Emerald Secondary Concert at our annual Winter Concert. This concert gives our students the opportunity to perform in front of a paying audience; building confidence in front of a crowd, while showcasing their incredible talents.

Tickets are an absolute steal at \$5 / \$20 per family, with all proceeds going back into the ESC music program. If you are a local person who enjoys music and supporting the arts, we would love to see you!

Battle of the Bands! 2026 Cardinia Interschool Battle of the Bands Get ready for an incredible night of live music as talented student bands take the stage and battle it out! Come along to support our amazing young musicians and enjoy a night packed with energy, creativity and (next page)



Battle of the Bands! Cont;

entertainment on Thu June 18 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, with tickets available at the Cardinia website.

We would love to see Emerald community members there to support live music and to cheer on our ESC performers as we take on other schools in the Cardinia Shire!

Year 12 Connections Day To assist our senior students to stay connected with their cohort, and to enjoy the journey while managing the demands of VCE, our year 12 students have a dedication 'Connection Day' each term. This term, the theme was "When I grow up", with students arriving to school dressed up to reflect the careers as aspirations they dreamed of when they were young children. Some reflected what students were aiming for still, while others were far away. We saw great creativity and reflection amongst the scientists, tradies, vets, athletes, artists and more and we commend our students for getting involved and bringing such great energy and fun to the day.

Yarra Division Cross Country Our students had a fantastic day competing at the Yarra Division Cross Country held at the track around Lilydale Lake.

The team showed incredible determination and sportsmanship across all events. Congratulations to Judd C and Lulu P, who both achieved an outstanding 3rd place finish in their events.

Special mention to our dominant Under 13 Boys team:

- Connor G – 1st,
- D'Art G – 2nd,
- Zac G – 3rd,
- Kobe H – 4th,
- Khan M – 5th

An incredible result and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our runners. Well done to all students who represented the college so incredibly!

Hills Fights MND A special shoutout to our fabulous ESC parents Damien, Esta, Jacqui and Olivia for getting involved and helping raise funds and awareness for such an important cause. We are incredibly proud of our school community for supporting those impacted by Motor Neurone Disease.

We also have FightMND beanies (\$25), socks (\$15) and caps (\$25) available for purchase from the Front Office at ESC, grab yours and help support this important cause!

The World's Greatest Shave raises vital funds for the Leukaemia Foundation, supporting Australians and families facing blood cancer through research, accommodation, transport, emotional support services and advocacy. Every dollar raised helps make an enormous difference in the lives of those navigating incredibly difficult circumstances.

Luke has stepped forward to lead our ESC fundraising efforts this year and will soon be shaving off his own iconic long locks in support of the cause. While we will certainly miss that luscious flow around the school grounds, we could not be prouder of the courage, compassion and leadership he is showing through this act of service to others. We encourage our entire ESC community to get behind Luke and support this incredible cause through a donation of any size

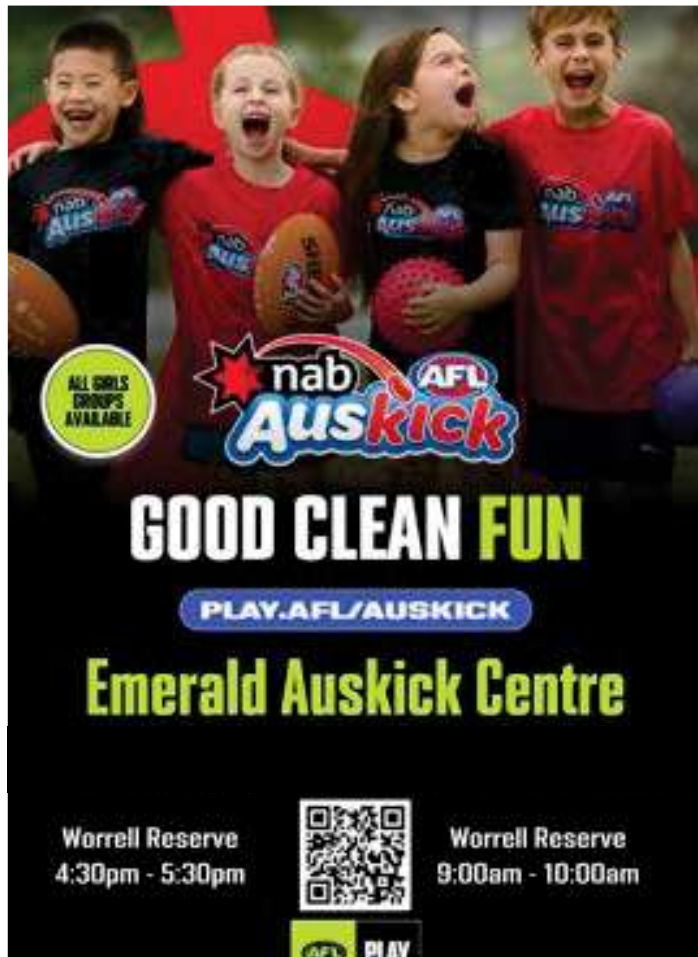
Interact Club - In Action! Our fantastic members Charlee, Millie and Angelina stepped up in a big way, volunteering their time with the Rotary Club of Emerald & District to pack meals for communities facing crisis.

In just three hours, this small but mighty team helped pack an incredible 13,600 meals for disaster relief in developing countries.

This is what service looks like, quiet leadership, real impact, and students choosing to show up for others. Proud is an understatement. A final word from Principal James Barut

"It is hard to 'describe the vibe' that has been steadily building for some time now at our college - there is a swell of pride and success in the air. We are working hard to find ways to connect all students into the school community by nurturing their academic interests, and with opportunities that leverage and develop their personal skills and talents. That focus is really beginning to pay off, and I am proud of our students, staff and wider community for everything we are growing here. Term 2 has been an absolute cracker!"

Kara Montoneri



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Date:

4th June 2026

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5:30pm – 8:30pm
(Doors open 5:15pm)

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Charlie SillyPants - Super-SillyPants and Super friends – Meeting Room 10:30 AM	Tech Help – 2:00 PM Tech Help – 3:00 PM				



Author Eliza Gutowska (Kasia)

Let's play a game... What's my name?



Eliza Gutowska (Kasia) above, shares the journey of the publication of her first children's book.

The idea for my book first sparked around 10 years ago, I was on a camping trip in Howqua. It has been a dream since then to birth this first baby into the world - so to speak.

We came to Australia as refugees in 1989 so my childhood years I spent in Poland. I remember a lot of children's poems off by heart as mum used to read to us a great deal. I have a particular love for rhythm and rhyme.

Ten years on, my mentor, a children's author himself, recommended the printer I used as well as my illustrator/designer Jess.



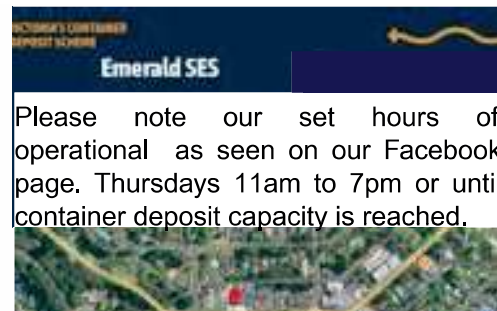
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Check out my website for additional information.

Eliza Gutowska — Children's Author

My book is available through my website, at Emerald Fruit Barn, at the Emerald Newsagency, The Artist's Hive in Olinda, and of course at my Nookee Cafe.

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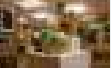
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JUNE

Calendar of Events

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have worked hard to ensure details
are correct & inclusive

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 REPEATS WEEKLY THROUGHOUT JUNE	1 9:30-11:30AM MONDAYS IN SCHOOL TERM - EMERALD HILLS PLAY-GROUP 5 CHURCH ST EMERALD  11:15 - 11:45AM MONDAYS BABY RHYME TIME AT THE EMERALD LIBRARY 10-11AM CEMETERY WORKING BEE 7PM BELLY DANCING MON FERNLEA 6-7.30PM 1ST TUESDAY CREATIVE HAVEN - CRAFT GROUP AT EMERALD LIBRARY	2 8-11AM TUES TAKE- AWAY COFFEE XPRESS AT GEMCO! 2 & 2:30PM TUESDAYS TECH HELP ONE-ON-ONE, EMERALD LIBRARY BOOK ONLINE  7PM TUESDAYS ROTARY MEETING PARADISE HOTEL 5-7PM EVERY TUESDAY, RSL EMERALD 7PM, 1 ST & 3 RD TUESDAY AMATEUR ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS & SING ALONG FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE	3  10-3PM WEDNESDAYS EMERALD MUSEUM 11.15AM SCHOOL TERM INTER-GENERATIONAL PLAYGROUP FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE 1ST WED EMERALD LIONS CLUB COCKATOO BASE 6:30 10-12 GOLDEN HOUR CAFÉ EMERALD RSL 1 ST & 3 RD WEDNESDAY  1 ST & 3 RD WED EVENING AT HILLS HUB	4 8-11AM THUSDAYS COFFEE XPRESS GEMCO! 11:15AM - 12 THURSDAYS - STORY TIME EMERALD LIBRARY 2-3PM THURSDAY IN SCHOOL TERM - PB TOY LIBRARY FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE 5-7PM EVERY THU. HOUSE RSL EMERALD 11 - 4PM THURSDAY - SUNDAY ART IN THE PARK EMERALD LAKE GALLERY 5:30-8PM MEET WITH VIC POLICE AT BEACONSHILL COLLEGE 6:30PM WINTER CONCERT EMERALD SEC. COLLEGE	5 9:30 - 11:30AM FRIDAYS - EMERALD HILLS PLAYGROUP, 5 CHURCH ST EMERALD  NATIONAL DONUT DAY  11 - 4PM THURSDAY - SUNDAY ART IN THE PARK EMERALD LAKE GALLERY (OLD TEA ROOMS)  7-11PM 1ST SATURDAY GEMCO	6 9-11AM SATURDAYS WORKING BEE FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK 8AM SATURDAYS PARK RUN EMERALD LAKE PARK 11 - 4PM THU - SUN ART IN THE PARK EMERALD LAKE GALLERY (OLD TEA ROOMS) 8:30 - 1:30PM, 1 ST SATURDAY COCKATOO COUNTRY MARKET, ALMA TRELOAR RESERVE 9-2PM 1ST SAT KALLISTA MARKET  7-11PM 1ST SATURDAY GEMCO
7 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 11 - 4PM THURSDAY - SUNDAY ART IN THE PARK EMERALD LAKE GALLERY (OLD TEA ROOMS)  12 - 4PM SUNDAYS EMERALD MUSEUM OR BY APPOINTMENT ALABASTER CHURCH HILLS HUB 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY 10AM 2 - 3:30PM SUNDAYS IN SCHOOL TERM - PB TOY LIBRARY FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE	8 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE	9 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 7PM, 2ND & 4TH TUES: COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT AT FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE 	10 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 10-11AM 2 ND WED MTHLY BOOK CHAT, EMERALD LIBRARY  3 - 6PM WEDS DURING SCHOOL TERMS - 1-3 CHURCH ST, EMERALD (REAR OF ST MARKS CARPARK)	11 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 7:30PM HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY 2 ND AND 4 TH AT HILLS HUB 4-5PM, 2ND THURSDAY MTHLY IN SCHOOL TERM STEAM CLUB AT EMERALD LIBRARY AGES 5+  6PM COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT, FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE - FREE	12 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 11 - 4PM THURSDAY - SUNDAY ART IN THE PARK EMERALD LAKE GALLERY (OLD TEA ROOMS) 7-9PM BONFIRE ST LUKE'S COCKATOO 	13 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 9AM - 2PM CREATING CARDINIA ON THE MOVE AT THE LOST WOODS MARKET 10-11 CITIZEN PLANNING WALK MEET AT POST OFFICE ROTARY DEB BALL AT CATHIES LANE RECEPTIONS
14 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE  9-WORKING BEE FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK	15 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 10AM, 3RD MONDAY MTHLY. PROBUS CLUB AT RSL EMERALD. 	16 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 7:45-8:45AM -EDRA'S LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER COFFEE CATCH THE LAUGHING FOX  June 6:30 AWBEC McBride St Cockatoo 12:30PM CARER'S GROUP FERNLEA COMM. HOUSE 7PM, 1 ST & 3 RD TUESDAY AMATEUR ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS & SING ALONG FERNLEA COMM. HOUSE 6 - 7.30PM 3RD TUES CREATIVE HAVEN CRAFT GROUP LIBRARY ALSO 1ST SAT MTHLY 12:30-2:30 PM	17 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE  1 ST & 3 RD WEDNESDAY EVENING AT HILLS HUB 6:30 WORSHIP NIGHT ALABASTER CHURCH 10-12 GOLDEN HOUR CAFÉ AT EMERALD RSL 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY	18 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 6PM BATTLE OF THE BANDS AT CARDINIA CULTURE CENTRE SUPPORT ESC STUDENTS  2 - 3PM THURS, PB TOY LIBRARY AT FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE	19 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 9-WORKING BEE FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK 7-9PM 19 TH ST LUKE'S COCKATOO YOUTH: 11:15 - 11:45AM EVERY FRI, TODDLER TIME 1-3 YRS, AT EMERALD LIBRARY 11:15 - 11:45AM EVERY 3 RD THURSDAY AT EMERALD LIBRARY 5+ 	20 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 5:30PM LYREBIRDS INSPIRO CENTRE BELGRAVE LANTERN FESTIVAL 
21 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 10-3PM ON 3RD SUNDAY MTHLY: EMERALD PRODUCE MARKET, TOWN CENTRE  ST LUKE'S COCKATOO YOUTH JUNE 21 NIGHT CHURCH ALABASTER CHURCH, HILLS HUB 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY 10AM	22 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE  HILLS HUB ART SPACE: RECONCILIATION WEEK PORTRAITS TO 17/07	23 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 9:30AM 4 TH TUESDAY FACILITATED OLDER MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP AT FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE - FREE EVENT  7PM, 2ND & 4TH TUES: COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT AT FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE 	24 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE  10-3PM WEDNESDAYS EMERALD MUSEUM 10AM-12:30 - 4 TH WED MTHLY MOVIE MORNING, EMERALD LIBRARY 	25 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 6PM COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT, FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE - FREE 4-5PM, 4TH THURSDAY LAST EVENT IN SERIES KID ZONE (AFTER SCHOOL CLUB) EMERALD LIBRARY  7:30PM HILLS PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY 2 ND AND 4 TH THURSDAY AT HILLS HUB 	26 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 1-4 MEN'S SHED TRIAL INTEREST GROUP	27 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE
28 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE 11AM DEATH CAFE FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE 9-2PM, 4TH SUNDAY MONTHLY, GEMBROOK MARKET, GEMBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE 2-5PM, SUNDAY SIPPERS EMERALD RSL	29 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE	30 WEEKLY SEE ABOVE		 5-7PM TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS RSL EMERALD 		LINKS TO WEBSITES TO BOOK YOUR SPOT FERNLEA COMMUNITY HOUSE EMERALD LIBRARY EMERALD MUSEUM FELP FRIENDS OF LAKE EMERALD PARK