

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EMERALD AND DISTRICT / JULY 2018

A brief review of local events, issues, activities in our town brought to by the Emerald Village Committee. For more details see the EVC notice board near IGA.

1. The Emerald Village News Is Coming! The EVC has been creating a new website, facebook page and hardcopy to fill the void left by the ending of Signpost but also to improve the communication of local information. The creators for Emerald Village news have developed a digital platform that takes a fresh, contemporary look and feel that all age groups can connect with and to help them find out what is actually happening in our town. The launch of EVN will happen soon.

2. The Major Project and Strategies Activity Report.

Each month the EVC receive from the Shire an update on major works in the Emerald District.

Briefly A. The Netball courts are nearly completed and ready for play

B. Work on the Hub project is progressing and the expectation is that the project will be completed in April 2018

C. The Clematis to Emerald Trail is now open for walkers, bike riders, dogs etc. We are hoping that stage 2, to extend the track to the crossing at the Belgrave- Gembrook Rd., will be built in 2019

3. Cleaning Contract

Our understanding is that the council is about to put out to tender the contract for cleaning toilets etc in Emerald. The condition of the toilets is a major issue with local residents.

4. Julie Buxton's nomination to **the vacancy** on the EVC committee has been approved.

5. Traffic Congestion on Wellington Rd. The Cockatoo 21st Century Roads Action Group (CRAG21) gave a presentation about the major problems with traffic on Wellington Rd. Refer to the CRAG 21 web site and face book page for more information.

5. Emerald Lake Park. The Emerald Lake Advisory committee meet to consider all developments that affect the park. Recent issues include the Puffing Billy Discovery Centre, the water level of the lake, parking meters for visitors and reservations of picnic shelters. More details on the noticeboard

6. The Community Garden

The organisers are currently applying for grants and finalising a site for the garden.

Local groups including the Emerald Cooperative and service groups are supporting this project.

6. Citizen of the Year. The EVC are seeking nominations for citizens of the year. The presentation will take place on October 24 at the Community Network meeting.

The next EVC meeting will be held at the Library meeting room on Tuesday July 24th at 7.30

All welcome