

Nobelius Heritage Park & Emerald Museum

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"Frost grows on the window glass, forming patterns of lovely translucent geometry. Breathe on the glass, and you give frost more ammunition.

Now it can build castles and cities and whole ice continents with your breath's vapour.

In a few blinks you can almost see the winter fairies moving in . . .

But first, you hear the crackle of their wings."

— Vera Nazarian

At long last our own curator - if only temporary

Catherine McLay completed a Bachelor of Arts majoring in History and minoring in Archaeology at La Trobe University in 2013 and will have completed a Master of Cultural Heritage at Deakin University by the end of 2014. Her studies have equipped her with skills in museum and heritage management. In addition to her role at the Emerald Museum, Catherine has also been curator and gallery manager at the Mission to Seafarers Victoria for over a year; where she manages a collection of approximately 10,000 items and curates Australia's biggest maritime art award. She also has practical experience in exhibition management as a studio artist and former conservation picture framer. Catherine had this to say about her work with us to-date:

"It has been a pleasure working with the dedicated team of committee members and volunteers at the Emerald Museum over the last few months, we have achieved a great deal during this time.

I look forward to continue making positive

changes and getting the Emerald community more involved in the work of the Museum, because it is a highly important historical resource not just locally, but nationally as well."

Emerald and district Rotary Club - a community based organisation

This month the museum had the pleasure of hosting 2 exhibits in one, with the history of the Rotary Club along with it's most famous member - Alfred "Greg" Gregory.

The Emerald and District Rotary Club is a thriving, active and progressive group of people who are involved with a range of both local and international community projects each year including,

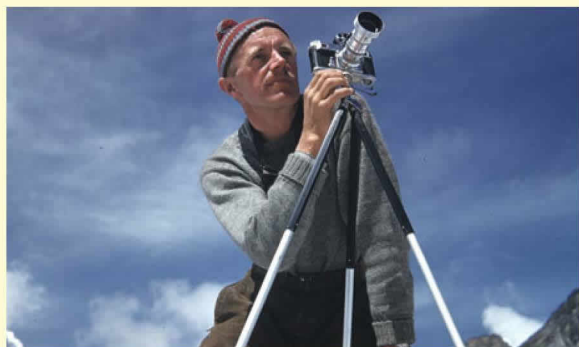
- All American car rally held at the Gembrook oval every February.
- Decoration of Emerald Time Square with time capsule in 2004-2005.
- Donations of more than \$13,000 to Bushfire Relief Fund after Black Saturday.
- Annual kids fun run with "Thomas", which recently donated \$150,000 to the William Angliss Hospital Children's Ward.



The Rotary Club also sponsors the Australian Himalayan Foundation's Teacher Training Programme in Nepal in memory of Alfred "Greg" Gregory.

Before becoming involved with the Emerald and District Rotary Club in 1995 until his passing in 2010, Greg had been a photographer for several decades.

One of his career milestones took place in 1953, at which time he was put in charge of stills photography on the first ascent of Everest, climbing as high as 28,000 feet.



Greg explored and led many expeditions in remote Himalayan and Andean regions at a time when the areas he visited were completely unknown and unmapped.

Greg spent a lifetime travelling on photographic assignments to most countries on earth and his pictures are still regularly syndicated to 35 countries and published across the world.

Throughout his lifetime, Greg published four books:

- The picture of Everest 1953
- Alfred Gregory's Everest 1993
- Blackpool: a celebration of the 60's 1993
- Alfred Gregory: Photographs from Everest to Africa 2007.

Emerald Heritage Walk

In 2011-2012 Context Director Louise Honman and Senior Consultant Cinnamon Evans worked with the Emerald Museum Committee of Management and Cardinia Shire Council to develop a five-year strategic plan for the community heritage facility. Recommendations resulting from the plan included increased publicity about and for the museum, integration with local tourism ventures as well as to seek funding for the production of interpretive brochures. Two years on,

the Emerald Museum has reached a milestone by receiving grant funding from PROV in conjunction with Emerald Community House to produce the 'Emerald Heritage Walk', which is to have its official launch on July 23rd, 2014. The walk guides tourists and locals alike on an exploration of the township's existing heritage buildings and outlooks. Context is pleased that the forward planning advice provided to the organisation has resulted in this well-thought out and enriching community heritage project. This event is open to the public, see invitation below and be sure to RSVP your attendance.

THE EMERALD MUSEUM &
EMERALD COMMUNITY HOUSE

INVITE YOU TO THE OPENING
AND OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF

DISCOVERING EMERALD

**EMERALD
HERITAGE WALK**
(A HISTORY BEGINNING IN 1858)

ON
• WEDNESDAY JULY 23, 2014 10.30AM •

LOCATION: KILVINGTON DRIVE, EMERALD
(COMMONWEALTH BANK PARKING AREA NEXT TO THE POST OFFICE)
- PLEASE NOTE THE LAUNCH WILL BE HELD AT THE EMERALD MUSEUM IF RAINING -

OPENED BY
MAYOR GRAEME MOORE

COME WALK THE WALK
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
AT THE EMERALD MUSEUM
(RSVP EMAIL: EMHOUSE@IINET.NET.AU)

RSVP
BY JULY 18
CALL: 5968 3881
0419 584 498
OR EMAIL

Working Bee

The next working bee will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 26th July at the museum. Please feel free to come along and help in any capacity you can.

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