

Emerald - our home, our oasis - green, clean and safe



FROM THE PRESIDENT

We currently have a number of major projects in the planning/consultation stage and you as residents have a great opportunity to have some input.

1. The Shire has developed a draft strategic plan for the Emerald Lake Park (ELP) which they have on display on the Cardinia webpage, and in the lobby of the Hills Hub. A number of briefings are being held including the EVA planning committee. We will be submitting a response and would welcome any input from the community.

Please note we believe the Emerald Lake Park is an amenity for the people of Emerald and district. What are their needs and what can be added, upgraded or retained to make the park more amenable for the locals? Closing date for feedback is August 25th.

2. The old basketball court area in the Worrell Reserve will be converted into a multi active area (plaza) including the skateboard facility. At this stage the shire and EVER are seeking ideas, suggestions etc to include in a draft plan.

2022 CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Nominations for citizen of the year and young citizen of the year are currently being sought. We are also seeking nominations for local organisations who have made a significant difference in our community.

PROBLEMS WITH FERAL DEER?

A public meeting will be held to discuss the effects of Feral Deer in our district. Johannes Wenzel has arranged for a number of speakers to address this problem on August 29th at the Hills Hub Hall at 7.30pm. Contact Johannes 0418 346 895 to book.

WHERE ARE WE IN EMERALD?

Last month the photo was taken on the track overlooking the Emerald Lake Park.

This time a small plaque. Amongst other achievements Jack was a lifesaver at the Emerald Lake when locals could swim in it. He was also a founding member of the Emerald & District Co-Op.



We thank the many local sponsors who have donated funds to help us with meeting the costs of awards, insurance and program costs.

Dick Bartley - President EVA

EMERALD CITIZEN OF YEAR AWARD

2022 Emerald Citizen and Group Awards

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Emerald community? Then nominate them for an Emerald Citizen Award!

There are three award categories:

- Citizen of the Year (over 25yrs on 1 January 2022)
- Young Citizen of the Year (under 25yrs on 1 January 2022)
- Community Group of the Year

Nominations close: Friday, September 16, 2022

For more information or to download the nomination form, scan the QR code or visit the EVA Inc. website:

www.emeraldvillagenews.com.au/emerald-citizen-and-community-group-awards



Enquiries: Dick Bartley 0400 858 396 Peter Maloney 0439 112 204

EMERALD LADIES PROBUS CLUB



Probos members enjoying their monthly 'Nosh & Natter' lunch at the Laughing Fox Cafe in Emerald.

There's lots happening at Emerald Ladies Probos to keep you occupied over these winter months. Aside from our usual monthly meeting and guest speaker we also have a movie outing, our 'Nosh & Natter' lunch and a Bunjil Daytime Theatre show on our calendar. Our club is non-fundraising and purely a social outlet to have fun with like-minded people.

If you're a retired, or semi-retired lady, we welcome you to come along to one of our meetings to find out more about our activities and maybe consider joining our club. Meetings are

held at the Emerald RSL on the third Monday of each month (except December) at 10am.

Our next meeting is Monday 15 August when our guest speaker will be Loretta Smith talking about the extraordinary life story of Alice Anderson and Australia's first all-girl garage. We welcome you to come along and meet our members, enjoy some morning tea, and listen to our guest speaker.

Linda McIvor

Enquiries: ladiespce123@gmail.com

ROTARY CLUB OF EMERALD & DISTRICT

Events are being rolled out for the coming year and plans are in place for the next event being the Emerald Rotary Market on Saturday 13th August at Emerald Primary School Oval 8.00am – 1.00pm. The theme is "Winter Wrap Up". To find out more about the Rotary Club and the Market Visit: www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfEmeraldDistrict

Whilst we continue to assist with the Emerald Secondary College Breakfast Club and Kitchen Garden, we are extending our commitments in the local community by taking on a higher level of involvement with Sustainability and the Environment. Work is underway to hold a Pride of Workmanship Awards event plus "The Primary School Speech Contest" is on 30th August and the "Kids Fun Run with Thomas" is on 4th December in Gembrook.



Board of Directors L to R - Gayle Barrot, Tina McInerney, Vicki Van Den Berge, Catherine Elfick, Marcus Adams, Shalini Penny, Emma Clark, Kris Ash, John Henderson (missing Russ Nielsen)

Emerald Rotary held the Club's President's Changeover function on 5th July at The

Independent in Gembrook. Our President for the year is Marcus Adams who many of you will know from Falcone & Adams Lawyers. The new Board is shown in the above photo - many faces you will know and recognise but did you realise they were Rotarians? We were pleased to have past Rotarian and Emerald RSL President, Peter Maloney, and his wife Gabby attend.

Following the Red Shield Annual Appeal in June, the Salvation Army recognised Emerald Rotary with a Certificate of Appreciation. Rotary members were happy to assist another organisation (who like us were struggling to fill roles due to COVID illness) collect much needed funds for this yearly worthy cause.



Certificate of Appreciation

presented to

Emerald Rotary Club

in recognition of your valuable assistance during
The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

Evan Cassidy	28/06/22	Lt. Colonel Neil Venables
<small>Appeal Chairperson</small>	<small>Date</small>	<small>Appeal Director</small>

Why not find out more about what we do - we are a group of friendly, vibrant and action-oriented people, making a difference locally and abroad. Be our guest at an upcoming meeting. We meet every Tuesday at The Paradise Valley Hotel in Clematis - 6.45pm for 7.00pm start. Phone 0408 769 491 or visit emeraldrotary.org.au/ to find out more or see our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfEmeraldDistrict>

Shalini Penny - Publicity

EMERALD U3A

If you missed our Winter Warmer at the Hub on Friday morning 29th July, don't worry, we're bound to put it on again next year! The mulled wine was very popular and so good! Oooh, daytime drinking?! Our only regret is there are no photos to show.

Jamming, as in music

This month we have another new activity starting - Thursday 11th August and will be on from 2pm to approximately 4pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Paul Bianco would like it to be an informal gathering around the grand piano at the Hub, with a few guitars, a ukulele or two, a tin whistle perhaps, etc.

If you like the idea of jamming with friends, not taking yourself too seriously but having fun, go online here to join in. It's a "come when you can" activity.

mem.u3aemerald.org.au/members/courses

You'll find this 'course' at the end under "Music". If you aren't already a member of U3A, here's another reason to join!

The Hub – "My Melbourne" art exhibition, 16th August to 2nd September

This month our very own Aldo Bellemo (who, with his wife Delores, has been teaching Italian to U3A members for 15 years) will be exhibiting his art in the Art Space upstairs at the Hub. Aldo is a retired architect whose paintings feature iconic Melbourne buildings as they now exist amid modern buildings. Look closely into some of his paintings and you might find some well known fictional characters such as *The Harlequin* from the Commedia dell'Arte series! Isn't that just something Aldo would do! I can't wait to see them all.

Heather Bishop - U3A Publicity

FRIENDS OF EMERALD LAKE PARK

On Saturday 30th July a community BBQ was held outside Emerald Village Meats. Many thanks to Alan and staff for their generosity and kindness in assisting us to have a successful morning. Come and chat on Saturday August 27th.

Our annual "Trees for Weeds" swap will be held on **Saturday 3rd of September**, after two years of cancelled events. This event will be held in conjunction with Cardinia Shire Environment Team, Emerald Library and Friends of Emerald Lake Park. Local experts will be in attendance to provide identification of weeds, information and free indigenous plants to swap for

weeds. This event will be held outside the Emerald Library and will run from **10am-2pm**.

Community "Weedbuster" activities will be held at Emerald Lake Park on **Sunday 11th September** and **Thursday 15th September**. Meet at Lakeside car park. **9-11am**. BYO gloves.

Sheila Hampson - Coordinator

EMERALD MEN'S SHED

The Emerald Men's Shed was pleased to assist the Victoria Police in a "Meet the Cop" Sausage Sizzle. The Local Emerald Police, together with support from the Cardinia Shire, the Mayor, Jeff Springfield (2nd left) and with Men's Shed cooking, provided free sausages for the local community who dropped by to say "hello".

Tom Connolly - Men's Shed Committee



EVA UPDATE

So much is going on around old Emerald town at the moment, even in the depths of Winter!

Have you checked out the <https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/worrell-reserve> website to have your say in the planning of the **Emerald Skatepark**? It has funding from the State Government planning is well underway by the Cardinia Council.

And also, while you are on the Cardinia website, click on the **Emerald Lake Precinct** plan and see what you think of that. Your opinion matters here too. Consultation closes on 25/8/2022.

At our meeting on the 27th of July, 2022 we welcomed the addition of 11 more members, taking us to 121 and we agreed to send our Emerald Village Association Business Plan and our Planning Committee's response to the Emerald Lake Precinct Plan to our members shortly.

If you would like to become involved with helping plan Emerald's future, please join the EVA. Application forms are available from The Hills Hub community desk and on our website. Then come along to our next **EVA Committee meeting on Wednesday 24th of August**, to which all EVA members are welcome.

We also discussed Community Projects such as starting a **Human Library** in Emerald. If this interests you, have a look at this Facebook website.

<https://www.facebook.com/Melbourne.humanlibrary/>

So, there we go - even in the frosty days of July and August plans are being talked about and made...you can help too!

Shelley Beardshaw - EVA Committee

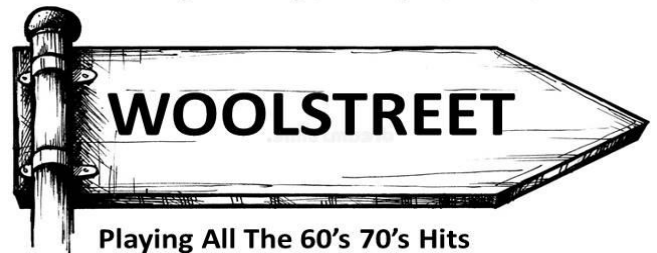
MUSIC AT THE EMERALD RSL

The Emerald RSL will now have music at the Club every second week - Blues, Country and old Rock.

Blues night - Cancelled Friday 12th August. Next night - Friday 9th September 7.30pm

Rock & Roll 60's and 70's - Friday 26th August 7.30pm - featuring "Woolstreet"

EMERALD RSL PRESENTS -



- **Where** - Emerald RSL, 3 Memorial Ave. Emerald.
- **When** - Friday Night - the 26th of August 2022
- **Band** - 7.30 pm till 10.30 pm.
- Mobile Contact - Tracey -0411 675 513
- **Admission** - \$20.00 per person.
- Drinks available at great prices.
- Bring Your Own Nibbles.
- Great Raffle Prizes supporting the RSL



EMERALD ARTS SOCIETY

OIL PAINTING

WITH KARA MORRISON

ABOUT THE CLASSES:
Haven't picked up a paint brush since high school? Bought a whole heap of oil painting supplies for a workshop years ago and want to get back into it? Not a fan of watercolour or acrylic paint and want to jump ship to oil paint? Kara will love to show you how to start or advance in your oil painting skills. Bring in a reference picture, current project or take on Kara's painting challenges.

THE TEACHER:
Kara Morrison has been a practising artist for 12 years and is currently studying her Diploma of Visual Arts at the Northern College of Art and Technology. She has been teaching art to both adults and children for 3 years and is dedicated to nurture and support her students who wish to begin or advance their art skills. Kara has a passion for oil painting and has completed many portrait commissions and landscape series. She was the winner of the oil painting category in the Emerald Arts Society Art Show 2021, finalist in the John Dudley Portrait Prize 2019 and a finalist in the Gosford Art Prize 2020.

Weekly Classes 2022

TIME: Tuesdays 7pm - 9 pm

LOCATION: EAS Studio, Cnr Church & Anne Sts

COST: \$25 members (per session) \$35 non-members.

LEVEL: Beginners to Advanced

PROVIDED: Easels, boards, tables, chairs, light refreshments

BRING: Existing oil painting supplies (including but not limited to: reference photo, paints, brushes, palettes, rags, canvases or suitable painting supports).

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!
Contact Kara Morrison
email kara.soccio.artist@gmail.com

CORNER CHURCH & ANNE STS, EMERALD emeraldartsociety.com.au

We encourage all local businesses to get on board to continue to grow & showcase the breadth of services we offer to locals and visitors.

Businesses can join EDRA via the homepage on www.edra.org.au

Louisa Lammers, Emerald Village Pharmacy & EDRA Committee Member

ECHO - Youth & Family Services

Our Cockatoo No Interest Loan Program can now loan up to \$2,000. No Interest Loans (NILs) provides individuals and families on low incomes with access to safe, fair, and affordable credit. We offer loans to people across Melbourne's south-east suburbs.

Loans are available for up to \$2000 for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines and medical procedures. We can also offer up to \$3000 loans for rates, rent advances and bonds. Repayments are set up at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. No form of security over the NILs loan is allowed and we do not run credit checks and all applications are welcomed.

Call 0427 895 596

Interest free loans up to \$2000 for essential items and services including:

- Car repairs & Registration
- Computers
- Fridges & Whitegoods
- Medical & Dental

EASTERN DANDENONG RANGES ASSOCIATION

Successful local businesses are fundamentally important to our local community. Not only do they provide employment, and greatly needed services, but they have a vested interest in making the local area thrive and become a vibrant community. Shopping locally reduces our carbon footprint and fosters strong community connections. There are more than 300 businesses operating in our districts of Emerald, Cockatoo, Gembrook, Macclesfield, Selby, Menzies Creek & Upper Beaconsfield.

EDRA (Eastern Dandenong Ranges Association) was established with an aim to support local businesses & community groups in support of local projects, and to auspice some activities, provide networking opportunities, and work collaboratively with the council and other local organisations to help our local area become a better place to live.

With over 90 members the organisation became runner-up in last year's "Mainstreet" awards.

The group of volunteers run business breakfasts, retailer promotions, meet the trader nights, networking & training events and promote business & tourism operators on the premier website for our district, easterndandenongranges.com.au

The program is managed by ECHO, funded by Good Shepherd, and the money for the loans is provided by the National Australia Bank.

If you or someone you know may be interested in a No Interest Loan, please call us on 0427 895 596 or email nils@echo.org.au

We are based in Emerald, but most applications are done over phone and email.

Nicole Lane - ECHO CEO

HILLS PHYSIOTHERAPY

Hills Physiotherapy have been running a Persistent Pain recovery group in collaboration with Emerald Psychology now for over 5 years, helping hundreds of people recover from debilitating pain and suffering. Conditions such as Fibromyalgia, failed back surgery, Chronic headache, endometriosis, complex regional pain syndrome, and other surgeries or injuries that just never got better and now are stopping people from living their lives meaningfully.

We use a contemporary and evidence-based combination of Pain education, movement based therapies such as graded exposure, neurological therapies like graded motor imagery and sensory

discrimination training, as well as psychological therapies like Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (a type of CBT), Exposure therapy, Mindfulness based Stress relief, and others. These help people have a deeper understanding of their pain, know when pain should be given attention and when it is unhelpful, and reduce suffering from pain related loss. Common outcomes are increased participation in meaningful, joyful activity, re-engagement with family and friends, re-entry to the workforce, and reduction of pain, most importantly. This is not a guaranteed cure, but is almost universally life changing in its outcome.

If you or someone you know has had long term suffering and pain, stopped engaging in life, or given up hope of recovery, this is the program for you. It runs via zoom, for 2hrs a week, for 5 weeks.

Ben Kewish - Principal

EVER

Understanding the Emerald Lake Precinct development, a local's perspective.

Vanessa Kewish

The re-development of Emerald Lake Park has often sat in the back of many Emerald local's minds, as something that we knew was coming eventually, but if we're being honest, it wasn't something that we worried about. Most knew that there was a rough plan to "fix the park up", but not sure when. Well, the when is 2024-2034! Planning the whole thing has been going on for a while now. According to Cardinia Councils Emerald Lake Precinct Plan of 2020-2030, "Council undertook extensive community engagement for the development of the strategic plan. Phase One (16 July to 26 August 2018) began the development of the plan..." and "Phase Two consultation on the plan took place over seven weeks from 24 September until 11 November 2019."

In order to accurately write this article, it's vital to understand the history of Emerald Lake Park. Did you know that Emerald Lake (Lake Treganowan) wasn't even a lake until the late 1930's?! Apparently, it was actually quite difficult to create the lake as it is now. The lake was commissioned and built by the council at the time, and "The park was designed to serve as a public recreation area for Emerald and for day tourists from further afield." (The wish for a lake was inspired by the small dam that was built pre World War 2, that was constructed to turn flax into rope for the war efforts. For the record the flax plants were removed in the 1950's.)

The understanding that the lake was created, and not an existing piece of our Emerald landscape makes one think of what the park was and should be used for. It was always a place for city visitors to come to and cool off on a hot summer's day, or to admire the autumn colours as a summer gave in to cooler days. Emerald locals benefit from having the park in close proximity, but Emerald Lake Park, (now to be called Emerald

Lake Precinct, since the joining of the Nobelius Heritage park in 2017) was and will remain a destination for visitors and locals alike.

Positives for Emerald locals

- 20 new parking spaces
- Upgrading and centralising toilet blocks.
- Removal of the wading pool for a trickle/pump style water play space that can be open all year long.
- Signage and paths will be upgraded to make the park more accessible.
- Opportunity for a local business to run a café in the new waterfront building
- Three new shelters
- Main event and hire space – Gus Ryberg Amphitheatre
- Bunurong, The Gums and Carl Stemp amphitheatres are being upgraded and these spaces will be available for hire.
- Increased tourism to our local area.
- Events, concerts, and functions in the newly renovated precinct will be exciting.

Points for consideration, as you prepare your feedback!

- Locals must pay for parking; this is the ONLY park in the shire that operates with paid parking.
- Wading pool removal, is this a good thing? Is a pump style trickle water play space a fair trade off? Will this encourage people to swim in the lake?
- Do we need two cafes in the precinct, and so close to each other?
- The bulk of the funding for the Lake Treganowan play space is coming from councils Playground Renewal Fund. Promises have been made that this will not affect the renovation of the Puffing Billy Reserve Park (in town), but how can we be sure?
- No park ranger, rather the introduction of park ambassadors- is this viable?
- Concern for long term upkeep of the park.
- Increased tourism, but largely these people will stay in the park rather than in the town as has occurred in the past.

There's much more to this story... to read full article head to the EVA and EVER websites: www.emeraldvillagenews.com.au and www.evervictoria.com.au

NOTE: The EVA encourages all Emerald residents to express their ideas for the Lake - as Vanessa Kewish has done. The EVA Planning Committee will be making a submission to Council in due course on behalf of all Emerald residents.

CARDINIA COUNCIL NEWS

The Hills Hub

The Hills Hub continues to be a busy bustling building. Each week at the hub, Council's Connected

Communities Team enjoys the company of Emerald U3A, Emerald Men’s Shed, Hills She Shed, Puffing Billy Toy Library Playgroup & first time parents groups, Campbell Page and many more local organisations who host activities or provide services.

The Hub has also recently had the pleasure of hosting the John Dudley Portrait Prize Exhibition in the arts and performance space. This exhibition has an amazing array of entries, bursting with talent. The exhibition is on show until 14 August 2022.



First Prize in 2022 John Dudley Portrait award - A Day in the Life - Professor Damien Kingsbury by - Janine Good

For more information about upcoming exhibitions visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/arts.

If you are interested in hiring a room or space at the Hills Hub, please call in and visit us 10am - 1pm, Monday to Friday or see the website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hillshubhire.

Council Grants

Cardinia Shire Council has announced the 2022–23 Festival and Events Grants and the Community Wellbeing Support Grants program recipients.

At its meeting on Monday 18 July 2022, Council considered and endorsed the awarding of:

\$230,595 in funding toward 48 applications under the 2022–23 Festival and Events Grants program.

\$60,642 in funding toward 34 applications under the 2022–23 Community Wellbeing Support Grants program.

Hannah Milne - Shire Community Development Facilitator

FERAL DEER IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Cardinia Deer Management Coalition (CDMC, cardiniadeer.org.au) and Victorian Deer Control Community Network (vdccn.org.au) invite locals of Emerald and surrounding areas to a deer information night 7pm to 9pm Monday, August 29th in the Hills Hub Emerald.

We want to listen to people’s stories, experiences and concerns. There will be experts from a range of organisations present like our CDMC controllers/hunters, DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) - deer control program, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, Cardinia and Yarra Ranges Shire, Australian Deer Association, Sporting Shooters Association Australia to answer questions and to outline their plans for more effective deer control and what help is available for local landowners to remove deer from their land.

Please register or ask for more information at cardiniadeerinformationnight.org.au or contact

Johannes Wenzel on 0418346895.

Using a Generator Safely Demonstration

Emerald Mitre 10

1pm Sunday 21 August



Do you know how to safely use a generator? This demonstration will help you to set up and safely use a generator.

Come along and receive a free emergency ‘grab and go bag.’



Project partners include Taskforce, Cardinia Shire Council and Emerald Cockatoo Emergency Support Team

EMERALD TENNIS CLUB

Emerald Tennis Club continues to recover and rebuild after the previous two years of COVID lockdowns and restrictions. There are six junior teams competing on Saturday morning in the current winter season and a junior rubbers team competing on Sunday mornings. Four weeks remain of the current winter home and away season to be followed by a three week finals series. A number of teams are well placed to be involved in finals. It is fantastic to see the junior teams on Saturday morning not only enjoying their game of tennis, but also playing table tennis. They are regularly treated to food generously donated by the junior convenor, as well as enjoying the home baking of a very generous parent of one of our junior players. It is little wonder our juniors are keen to return to their home games not only for the competition and social engagement, but of course, the food.

Emerald Tennis Club entered five teams in the summer/autumn night competition including a Tuesday Ladies Doubles – Section 1, Tuesday Men’s Doubles – Section 3, and three Thursday Men’s Singles – Section 3, 7 and 8.

A very successful season with all five teams making the finals and three teams winning the Grand Final. Congratulations go to the Ladies Tuesday night Section 1 doubles team, the Men’s Tuesday night Section 3 doubles team and our young and talented Thursday night Section 7 team. All had great wins against the odds. The Thursday night Section 8 team also made the Grand Final; however, they went down gallantly. Our Section 3 Thursday singles team went down in the preliminary final. So overall, a great result for the club.



Men’s Section 3 - Lawrence Klene, David Strong, Mick Owens, Martin Strong

One of the successful Men’s night doubles teams consists of a father and son, while the Tuesday Ladies team have 3 generations from the one family playing. The youngest member competing in the night competition at the age of 14 is a member of the successful Tuesday night ladies team, highlighting the wonderful opportunity tennis offers for families to compete together.

The midweek day and night winter season is now underway with all teams playing last season re-entering the competition. Membership renewals became due from July and we have seen a number of new juniors join the club, while social tennis continues whenever the weather permits.

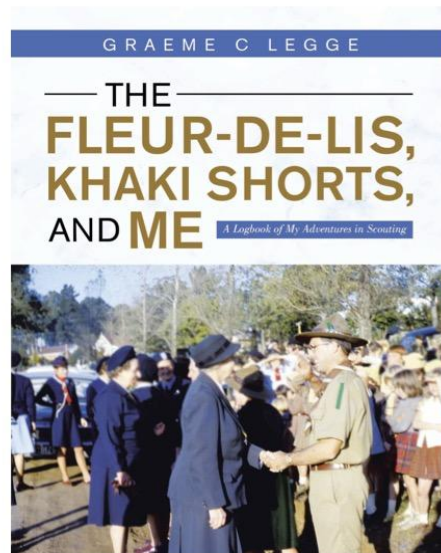
Emerald Tennis Club aims to promote the health and well-being benefits of tennis and encourage community members to give tennis a go.

The 2022-2023 Cardinia Council budget was recently approved with provision for the replacement of our lighting. Emerald Tennis Club are waiting for formal confirmation and a timeline indicating when these works will be undertaken. New lighting will be most welcome as it has presented some difficulties for coaching and night tennis since the removal of lights to four of the seven courts. We look forward to working with Cardinia Council and Worrell Reserve Community Assets Committee to reach the best possible outcome for the club and all of its members.

Ros Trojan - Secretary

HISTORY OF EMERALD SCOUTS

BY GRAEME LEGGE - HIS BOOK LAUNCH.



You are all invited to this Book Launch
Saturday, 17 September, 2022 [2:00 pm for 2:30 pm start]
Location: Emerald Scout Centre, 21 Kilvington Drive, Emerald
 Copies of book available: \$35

CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

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