The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne’s diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface and peri-urban communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.

Cardinia Shire Council is located on Melbourne’s south-east fringe and is about 55 km from the Melbourne Central Business District. The population in Cardinia has been growing steadily and in 2017, it recorded a five per cent growth rate, surpassing the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population is projected to grow from 102,000 in 2017 to 185,387 in 2036. The largest increment in age structure in the next 10 years is forecasted to be 51 per cent of those under working age.

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Cardinia Shire Council to deliver a co-located and fully integrated Child and Family centre supporting community connection, place making activities and addressing the health, wellbeing and educational needs of families and the local community.

This project will include:

- The provision of a single-entry point catering to all abilities
- Three kindergarten rooms
- Multiple consulting suites for maternal child and health, and allied health programs and services
- Multi use community spaces
- Indoor and outdoor play spaces
- Storage areas
- Amenities
- Landscaping

Expected date of commencement: October 2022
Expected date of completion: December 2023

Total Project Cost: $7,073,300
Growing Suburbs Fund: $1,500,000
Other contributions:

- Cardinia Shire Council: $5,573,300

The other projects in Cardinia Shire Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2 are:

- Alma Treloar Masterplan Implementation Stage 2 ($180,000)

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1 Victoria in the Future, 2019
- Koo Wee Rup Bowls and Community Hub Construction ($1,647,863)

Figure 1: Concept design

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au

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