# Growing Suburbs Fund

The Growing Suburbs Fund is providing much needed funding to help interface councils deliver new local infrastructure. The \$150 million investment is making a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families by meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs.

## Deep Creek Development Cameron Way, Pakenham VIC 3810 CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL



### **CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL**

The Shire of Cardinia is situated on the south-eastern fringe of the Melbourne metropolitan area and has significant rural and horticultural hinterland.

Population in Cardinia has been increasing at several times the Victorian rate since 2002 and this high level of growth is forecast to continue through to 2036. In 2016 Cardinia's population is approximately 95,000, and around 23% of Cardinia's population is aged under 15<sup>1</sup>.

1 Victoria in the Future, 2014 http://profile.id.com.au/cardinia

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Cardinia Shire Council provide the following facilities at Deep Creek Reserve in central Pakenham:

- The largest all-abilities play space in the municipality
- A community and education centre; and
- Outdoor classroom and learning facilities, including a demonstration wetland.

The community and education centre will aim to be an off-grid eco building. The facility will include training room and offices, as well as conference centre with up to 200 seat capacity for community use, and commercial kitchen and café.

This project will deliver important improvements to spaces for leisure, recreation and education, enhancing the liveability of the local area.

### Expected completion: Late 2018 Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,825,000 Other Contributions: \$7,500,000

Other projects in Cardinia to receive funding from the 2016/17 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Emerald to Gembrook Multi-Use Trail (\$545,000)
- Growth Corridor District Playground (\$700,000)

Read about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects on www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

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