

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 communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



## JAMES BATHE RECREATION RESERVE

67 Caversham Drive, Pakenham VIC 3810

**Project Description:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Cardinia Shire Council construct a multi-purpose community hub at James Bathe Recreation Reserve in Pakenham. This hub will accommodate a range of social and community services, including health and wellbeing support, employment services, aged and disability services, financial and legal services.

The Community Hub will include:

- A large community space (200m<sup>2</sup>) with a multi-purpose program/training/meeting room
- Storage rooms
- Community kitchen
- Accessible bathrooms

The 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<sup>1</sup> is forecasted to be 51 per cent of those under working age.

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/cardinia>



# GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2017-18

**Expected completion: September 2019**

**Total Project Cost: \$1,422,944**

**Growing Suburbs Fund: \$500,000**

**Other Contribution:**

**Cardinia Shire Council \$922,944**

**Other projects in Cardinia Shire Council to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:**

- **Cardinia Cultural Centre Redevelopment (\$3,000,000)**
- **Hills Hub Emerald Community Centre (\$1,500,000)**



**Figure 1: Aerial view of the James Bathe Reserve, Pakenham**

(Source: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/67+Caversham+Dr,+Pakenham+VIC+3810/@-38.0772443,145.4391384,128a.35y,198.25h,45t/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x6ad61c30558cb87f:0x6f57ac9493a184d7!8m2!3d-38.0780115!4d145.4390466!>)

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at [localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf](http://localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf)

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