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 is forecasted to be 51 per cent of those under working age.

COMELY BANKS RECREATION RESERVE PAVILION

125 Bridge Road, Officer, 3809

Background:
The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Cardinia Shire Council to deliver a multi-use community pavilion in the Comely Banks Reserve in Officer. The new pavilion will be built in a future active recreation reserve adjacent to the Bridgewood Primary School in Officer.

The project will deliver a multi-use community and sporting pavilion to service the precinct including; regional rugby league facility (four fields), overlaid with two AFL/Cricket Ovals, two bowling greens, cricket nets and a playground, four sets of change rooms, each with support amenities, four umpire change rooms, and two multi-use community spaces.

User groups to benefit from the project include existing clubs such as the Pakenham Eels Rugby League Club, and the Summer Touch Rugby competition. Future use is expected to include new clubs such as cricket and lawn bowls, and will be inclusive of girls, boys and adults.

The facility will also support emerging community groups such as the U3A, fitness groups, and school groups.

Expected date of commencement: September 2019
Expected date of completion: 2020
Total Project Cost: $7,201,596
Growing Suburbs Fund: $3,500,000
Other contributions:
- Cardinia Shire Council $3,701,596

The other project in Cardinia Shire to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018 – 2019 is:

- Gembrook Leisure Park Playspace and Skatepark Upgrade, ($500,000)

Cardinia Shire Council will receive a total of $4,000,100 for two projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018-19 Round.

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

Figure 1 – Concept image (source: Cardinia Shire Council)

Figure 2 – Concept image (source: Cardinia Shire Council)

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