

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.



GEMBROOK LEISURE PARK PLAYSACE AND SKATE PARK UPGRADE

Corner Gembrook Road and Beenak East Road, Gembrook, 3783

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Cardinia Shire Council to upgrade the Gembrook Leisure Park Playspace and Skate Park to deliver a more accessible and user-friendly play space. The project will provide important infrastructure for a growing community and tourist destination in the hills region of Cardinia Shire; encouraging community cohesion, and opportunities to play, socialise and recreate. Ageing infrastructure will be replaced and upgraded to deliver social and economic benefits for the community.

The project is located in the heart of town alongside the Gembrook Community Centre, and easily accessible from the main road in Gembrook and near to key tourist destinations such as the Gembrook Puffing Billy Station.

The project includes a number of active and passive spaces including a skate space, a Parkour, an open play area, a multi-purpose hard court, splash pad and water play, BBQ shelters and picnic facilities, an accessible toilet, connecting pathways and lawns, landscaping and tree planting, and a formalised car park.

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 years¹ is forecasted to be 51 per cent of those under working age.

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

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

Expected date of commencement: July 2019

Expected date of completion: 2020

Total Project Cost: \$1,200,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$500,000

Other contributions:

- Cardinia Shire Council \$700,000
- Federal Government \$500,000

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

- Comely Banks Recreation Reserve Pavilion, (\$3,500,000)

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



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

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)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP. Email: gsf@delwp.vic.gov.au or phone: 9948 8536

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