

Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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



Cardinia Shire Council is located on Melbourne's south-east fringe and is about 55 km from the Melbourne Central Business District.

Cardinia Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 3.6% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 116,193 in 2020 to about 177,868 or 53.1% per cent by 2036.²

Victoria's population has witnessed a considerable slow-down in growth due to COVID and a pause in overseas migration. This is mostly felt in the inner/middle suburbs of Melbourne but is still evident in outer suburbs.

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019

Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail Connection

Edenmont Road, Clematis 3782

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Cardinia Shire Council to extend the Eastern Dandenong Ranges trail network.

The Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail Connection will deliver an 800m gravel trail extension and supporting infrastructure to the existing Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail, connecting it from Edenmont Road to Menzies Road, and providing connection to the existing 14.5 km Eastern Dandenong Railway Trail, linking it directly with a future shared path from Clematis into Yarra Ranges Shire.

This project will include:

- An 800m shared use and DDA compliant gravel trail from Edenmont Road to Clematis Main Road
- Provision of park furniture i.e., seating, pedestrian fencing where required
- Landscaping
- Wayfinding and interpretive signage including directional signage to public amenities and points of interest.

Expected date of commencement: February 2023

Expected date of completion: May 2023

Total Project Cost: \$300,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$200,000

Other contributions: Cardinia Shire Council \$100,000

The other projects in Cardinia Shire Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22 are:

- Garfield North Community Centre Cannibal Creek Reserve (\$1,300,00)
- Main Street Pakenham Revitalisation (\$1,000,000)



Figure 1 & 2: Project sites

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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