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 2018, it recorded a 4.6 per cent growth rate, surpassing the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population is projected to grow from 107,100 in 2018 to 177,900 in 2036, with the largest increases projected for parents and children age groups (0 to 19 and 30 to 44).¹

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.

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Cardinia Shire Council to deliver an Integrated Child and Family Centre in a fast-growing residential area. The project will be co-located adjacent to a government primary school delivering continuity of learning and development for children from birth through the universal platform of maternal child health and kindergarten.

The facility will offer the opportunity to the precinct’s community to access maternal child health services, child and family support, early childhood intervention services (ECIS), health supported playgroups and education and care services.

The project will deliver:

- four kindergarten room allowing a 264 children capacity per week
- five consult rooms to support the wide range of health, education and care services
- two community rooms (medium and large with kitchenette) used for supported play-groups, parenting groups and programs, adult education programs and community meeting space
- staff room and planning staff room
- storage rooms
- toilet amenities that are accessible for all members of the community.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019
Expected date of commencement: February 2020
Expected date of completion: October 2021

Total Project Cost: $7,784,149
Growing Suburbs Fund: $1,500,000
Other contributions:
- Developer contributions $4,284,149
- VSBA Major Integrated Children’s Centre $2,000,000

The other project in Cardinia Shire to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-20 is:
- My Place Youth Facility Expansion and Relocation Project ($3,000,000)
- Officer District Park ($2,200,000)

Cardinia Shire Council will receive a total of $6,700,000 for three projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-20 Round.

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
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