Growing Suburbs Fund

The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering of new local infrastructure. The initial $50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families by meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne’s diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs.

IYU Soccer Reserve

Henry Street, Pakenham

CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Pakenham is a growing and diverse community in Melbourne’s south east growth corridor. Growth has driven a high demand for soccer facilities.

Funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund will bring forward investment to address existing and projected soccer field provisional shortfalls in the area, providing considerable health and wellbeing opportunities for residents and their families.

In particular funding will deliver a synthetic soccer pitch and associated infrastructure, including a multiuse community pavilion, spectator area and recreation area that will also serve the existing pitches.

In the future, an athletics track and complementary pavilion are likely to further enhance the Reserve.

IYU Soccer Reserve is a dedicated soccer facility, currently made up of a senior soccer field and a multiuse pitch.

Expected Completion: Early 2017
Growing Suburbs Fund: $3.52 million
Other Contributions: 1.3 million

CARDINIA SHIRE

The Shire of Cardinia is situated on the south-eastern fringe of the Melbourne metropolitan area and has significant rural and horticultural hinterland.

Population in Cardinia has been increasing at several times the Victorian rate since 2002 and this high level of growth is forecast to continue through to 2022. In 2016 Cardinia’s population is approximately 95,000 with 23% of Cardinia’s population is aged under 15.