

Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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

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.

Princes Highway Trail

Princes Highway, Fairweather Parade to Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve, Officer 3089

The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Cardinia Shire Council to fast forward the delivery of approximately 2.6km sealed shared pedestrian/bicycle path. The shared path will run between Fairweather Parade, Officer and Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve, Officer (to railway line), on the southside of Princes Highway.

The delivery of this shared path will provide the community with greater connectivity and access to important community, commercial and recreational facilities and will be an asset for the Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham communities. It will achieve social, economic and environmental benefits and will create enhanced opportunities for the communities in the growth corridor of Cardinia Shire.

Expected date of commencement:

November 2020

Expected date of completion: October 2021

Total Project Cost: \$1,979,648

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$989,824

Other contributions:

- Cardinia Shire Council \$989,824

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019



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