

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2019-20

CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

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.



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

OFFICER DISTRICT PARK

Lansell Avenue, Officer 3809

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Cardinia Shire Council to deliver a new multi-purpose public open space in the heart of the south east growth corridor.

The Officer District Park will have a unique adventure focus and provide a range of recreational opportunities that are currently unavailable in this region. The park will be located to the north of the Officer township within the Cardinia Road Precinct Structure Plan area. The subject site abuts the Quirks Creek drainage corridor. The site's elevated profile allows the site to be visible throughout most of Officer.

The park will provide a number of opportunities for the local community to recreate, socialise, play, and connect. The site will offer a number of zones and flexible spaces including:

- a district level play space focussing on active adventurous play opportunities for all ages
- fitness zone and stairs
- dry creek bed and nature play
- a regional level skate park for skate, BMX and scooter opportunities to all ages
- a Café
- public toilets
- adventure trails for mountain boarding and biking

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019

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- an accessible path network that will also connect to the broader bicycle trail and nearby McMullen Reserve
- off lead dog area
- a lookout positioned centrally at the highest point in the reserve
- wetlands and boardwalk.

Expected date of commencement: March 2020

Expected date of completion: November 2022

Total Project Cost: \$5,175,424

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,200,000

Other contributions:

- Cardinia Shire Council \$2,975,424

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 South Integrated Child & Family Centre (\$1,500,000)

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.



Figure 1 – Officer District Park Masterplan (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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