

## **9 GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2019 APPLICATIONS**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the following Growing Suburb Fund 2019 applications in priority order from highest to lowest be endorsed:

- My Place
- Integrated child and family centre at Timbertop/Rix Road
- Pakenham Main Street upgrade
- Beaconsfield Memorial Park
- Koo Wee Rup Community and Bowls Facility
- Officer District Park

### **Attachments**

*Nil.*

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The list of projects in priority order from highest to lowest with the amounts of GSF funding to be applied for is:

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### **BACKGROUND**

The State Government has announced \$50M for the Growing Suburbs Find for 2019 and applications for funding will open mid-August and close end September 2019.

Cardinia Shire Council has received the following funding through the first four years of the GSF Program:

GSF Round 1 – 2015/16

Heatherbrae Reserve pavilion - \$2M

IYU Soccer facility development and playgrounds \$3.2M

## GSF Round 2 – 2016/17

Growth Corridor District Playgrounds - \$700k  
Deep Creek Reserve - \$2.8M  
Eastern Ranges Trail - \$545k

## GSF Round 3 – 2017/18

CCC Redevelopment - \$3M  
Hills Hub - \$1.5M  
James Bathe Community and Sports Pavilion - \$500k

## GSF Round 4 – 2018/19

Comely Banks Community and Sports Pavilion - \$3.5M  
Gembrook Leisure Park - \$500k

This represents a total of \$18.245M of funding over four years.

The following is an overview of the GSF 2019 Program:

- \$50M available for 2019
- A Council resolution is required with the applications in priority order
- Emphasis on projects ready to proceed
- Past performance of councils in delivering projects is considered
- Accelerate the delivery of critical community infrastructure and complement other funding sources
- No limit to the number of projects that can be submitted by each Council
- Generally \$1 for \$1 funding and funding from other sources e.g. federal government or VSBA can be included.

Submissions sought for projects that have a direct benefit to communities:

- community health and well-being;
- early education, learning and training;
- sport, recreation and leisure facilities (multi-use);
- environmental and climate change resilience; and
- placemaking, civic amenity and community connecting

The timelines for the 2019 GSF Program are:

- GSF officers meeting with us on 30 July.
- 2019-20 funding round opens late August and closes late September.
- Need Council resolution from September Council meeting
- Successful projects announced November and funding agreements signed in December 2019;
- Projects need to commence 18 months from announcement i.e. June 2021.
- Projects have to be completed 3 years from commencement.

The following is the draft project list for 2019 GSF applications for Cardinia Shire Council in priority order from highest to lowest.

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## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The draft GSF project list is consistent with the following Council policies/strategies:

- Pakenham Structure Plan
- Beaconsfield Structure Plan
- Officer District Park Masterplan

## **RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN**

The draft GSF project list is consistent with Council Plan, in particular:

### **1 Our people**

We support a variety of needs and lifestyles through programs and activities that promote and develop the wellbeing of Cardinia Shire's people.

### **2 Our community**

We will foster a strong sense of connection between Cardinia Shire's diverse communities.

## **CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

Significant internal consultation has been undertaken to develop the draft project list.

The draft list was also workshopped with GSF staff and refined after their input.

## **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Council officers are proposing to apply for \$9.05M of funding through the 2019 GSF program.

Council has traditionally received about \$4M per round through the first 3 rounds of the GSF program.

If the funding applications for the Pakenham Main Street, Beaconsfield Memorial Park, KWR Community and Bowls Facility and Officer District Park are successful, Council will need to bring forward its matching funding into the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Financial Years.

## **CONCLUSION**

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Council is requested to endorse the list of projects in priority order.