

Connect

COVID-19

How we are supporting our community

HARD WASTE

New bookable service now available

STAN HENWOOD AWARD

Recognising our 2020 winner

Celebrating our cultural diversity

We are proud of our shire's rich cultural diversity and are committed to ensuring an inclusive and connected community for all.

As a Council, we have an important role to play in fostering an accessible and welcoming community for everyone and for providing support and opportunities for our growing and diverse communities. We are working hard to ensure that our services and programs are accessible, equitable and inclusive for all residents.

Together with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities:

- We are committed to reconciliation and acknowledge the historic and continuing link of the Aboriginal people to the land through measures like the Statement of Reconciliation, our Reconciliation Action Plan and acknowledgement of traditional owners at civic events.
- We celebrate NAIDOC Week and National Reconciliation Week. We are supporting our multicultural communities through a range of activities:
- Our Cultural Diversity Action Plan 2019-23 builds on our commitment to our diverse communities by welcoming diversity, building connections and promoting participation.
- We proudly became a Refugee Welcome Zone in 2014.
- In 2017 we joined councils from across Australia to sign the Refugee Welcome Scroll.

- We deliver Harmony Day and World Refugee Day events annually.
- We have established a South Sudanese Cluster to work collaboratively and enhance partnerships with community, service agencies and government departments.
- We are signatories to the national 'Racism. It stops with me' campaign.
- We host the Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's Community Reporting Tool on our website.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/reportracism

Cardinia Shire Council staff show their support for the 'Racism. It stops with me' campaign.

A lifetime of community service

Pakenham resident Ken Rook has been named this year's Stan Henwood Award winner.

Ken has held a range of positions across various community groups and organisations, including the Rotary Club of Pakenham, Toomuc Fire Brigade, Pakenham Scouts, Australian and Victorian branches of the Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association and the Presbyterian Tennis Club.

Ken has also played vital roles in establishing the Cardinia Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition, as well as the Rotary Club of Pakenham Annual Charity Golf Day.

The Stan Henwood Award recognises lifetime achievements in community service and volunteering. It commemorates the lifetime contribution that Stan Henwood made to his local community of Tynong, as well as the broader Cardinia Shire.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/stanhenwood

Ken Rook is the winner of the 2020 Stan Henwood Award.

Australia Day awards

Do you know an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the local community?

Why not nominate them for the 2021 Cardinia Shire Australia Day Awards?

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- **Citizen of the Year**
- **Senior Citizen of the Year**
- **Young Citizen of the Year**
- **Community Event of the Year**

Nominations open Monday 7 September and close Friday 13 November 2020.

On the cover

Ada, Adele and Sebastian couldn't wait to get back to Emerald Lake Park for a scooter ride once it reopened following the easing of Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

Mayor's message

Much has happened since our last edition of Connect. The world looks a little different and life as we know changed almost overnight.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has certainly presented many challenges and tested our resilience. But it has also brought the community together in ways that we couldn't have imagined, and has shown us the strength of the human spirit when faced with adversity.

We've all had to adapt and do things a little differently. Personally, I've enjoyed hearing from members of the community about all the ways in which local businesses and residents have adapted and come up with new and innovative ways to stay connected, continue to serve their customers and support one another through these unprecedented times.

As a Council, our focus and priority has remained the same; our community, continuing to deliver essential services and providing our assistance and support in any way that we can.

Our Community and Business Support Package features a range of initiatives to support our community. This includes practical and tangible support that provides immediate assistance such as rate relief initiatives, rent relief options for commercial tenants in Council properties, and rebates for some business fees and charges.

Community Relief Provider Support Grants and Community Connections Grants were introduced to assist eligible service providers, agencies and community groups to support our community, and our recovery program will further support recovery activities beyond the pandemic. We will continue to work with our relief partners to support our community now and into the future as we recover, reconnect, reset and move forward together. You can read more about our initiatives on pages 4 and 5.

I want to reassure you that Council is still here to support you, and that we will continue to do so where we can for as long as needed.

As Mayor of Cardinia Shire, I am incredibly proud of our community. The way in which people are supporting one another, demonstrating strength and resilience and staying connected during these challenging times is truly inspiring.

Thank you for your ongoing support and efforts in helping to keep everyone safe. Please continue to look after yourselves and each other.

Mayor Cr Jeff Springfield

Council and town planning meetings

A number of changes have been made to Council and Town Planning Committee meetings until further notice as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Town Planning Committee meetings have been integrated with General Council meetings until further notice.
- Members of the public cannot attend these meetings in person until further notice, but can watch the meetings live-to-air.

Watch Council meetings live or catch up on previous meetings at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/webcast

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings

Supporting our community COVID-19

Providing local relief

As part of our response to the COVID-19 emergency, the Cardinia Shire Relief and Recovery Committee has been activated to coordinate relief efforts throughout the shire.

This committee is made up of many community organisations working to support our community.

One of these organisations is Gurudwara Baba Budha sahib ji Pakenham, which is producing and delivering freshly cooked meals to older people, families in self isolation, international students, temporary visa holders

and anyone else in need. They are also providing people with raw ingredients such as rice, wheat, lentils and flour.

If you are experiencing hardship, you can access the Cardinia Shire Relief and Recovery Directory for contact details of relief service providers, including Gurudwara Baba Budha sahib ji.

Gurudwara Baba Budha sahib ji is one of many local organisations providing relief services to the community.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/localreliefproviders

Help is just a click away

Do you want to find out more about the help and resources available to support you during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Or would you like to hear a friendly voice on the other end of the phone to answer your questions or help you find what you're looking for?

Help is just a click away on our Coronavirus Online Help Hub. Here you'll find links, fact sheets and videos on topics including support available for individuals and households, support available for businesses, what to do if you suspect you have the virus, how to protect yourself and others, family violence support and looking after your mental health. Local relief service providers who can provide support, food relief and other assistance during the Coronavirus pandemic are listed in the Local Relief Provider directory.

The Coronavirus Online Help Hub can be accessed through our website and features a 'call back' option if community members would like Council to contact them to assist in finding or understanding relevant support or information.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/onlinehelphub

What support is available?

Our Community and Business Support Package features a range of initiatives to support our community through the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

- **Community Relief Provider Support Grants** are available to eligible service providers, agencies or groups that provide relief services in response to COVID-19. Eligible providers can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 to assist in the delivery of COVID-19 specific relief to the community.
- **Recovery Program** to further support recovery activities beyond the pandemic. This includes putting into action our community recovery plan. Learn more on our website. For more information, guidelines, criteria and to apply, visit [**www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/covid19grants**](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/covid19grants)

Other initiatives of the COVID-19 support package include the Coronavirus Online Help Hub, dedicated 'call back' support team, extended due dates, interest-free periods and payment plans for rates, rates rebate for eligible Health Care Card holders, faster payments for suppliers and contractors, rebates for some business fees and charges, business concierge service, and rent

relief options for commercial tenants in Council properties.

Residents experiencing financial hardship, seeking relief, or looking for further information are encouraged to contact Council on 1300 787 624 or visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Connecting Cardinia

To bring our community together, we created an online space for the Cardinia Shire community to share images, stories and ideas during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We invited community members to contribute to Council's community engagement platform, Connecting Cardinia, to promote connection and celebrate our community.

The Connecting Cardinia online space offers a positive and light-hearted connection point for the community at a time when they may have been feeling disconnected from those around them.

To learn more, share your experiences or see what others have been up to, visit:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/connectingcardinia

Have your say

A survey has been created to help us better understand local needs throughout the COVID-19 pandemic so we

can continue to support our residents and businesses during the pandemic and beyond.

The survey results will help guide our response and recovery efforts, assisting us to plan services and programs for both immediate support and recovery.

To access the survey directly, visit **[www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ COVID19survey](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/COVID19survey)** or find out more at:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

We're here to help!

Our dedicated Customer Service team is always here to help. Contact us by phone or email, or access a range of online services via our website.

Business support

We have a range of COVID-19 support initiatives for local businesses, including rebates for some business fees and charges and rent relief options for commercial tenants in Council properties. Chrissy (pictured) and other members of our Economic Development team are available to help as part of our business concierge service, which provides a central contact point to help businesses find information and navigate permit and registration processes.

Our environment

Grant applications now open

Cardinia Shire Council's Beautification Grant Program 2020–21 is now open.

Community groups and individuals can apply for dollar-for-dollar grants of up to \$2,000 for landscape enhancement projects, supporting the community to beautify their local public open spaces.

Applications close 5pm Monday 7 September 2020.

For more information about project eligibility, timelines and how to apply:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/beautificationgrants

Our sustainable buildings

We're working hard to ensure that Council buildings continue to be built, upgraded and operated in an environmentally sustainable way.

Our enhanced standards for sustainable buildings means that environmentally sustainable design is incorporated into new buildings, environmental upgrades of existing buildings are undertaken and environmentally friendly measures are used in day-to-day building management and maintenance.

Measures include energy and water efficiency, renewable energy and rainwater harvesting.

Seeking a smarter solution

Cardinia Shire Council and 15 other councils from south-east Melbourne have begun the first collective tender for advanced waste processing solutions.

The initiative is being driven by the South East Melbourne Advanced Waste Processing Working Group and will give us the ability to process household rubbish that would otherwise have gone to landfill. It is the biggest tender for new waste management infrastructure ever undertaken by councils in Melbourne.

The tender has started with an expression of interest to identify businesses with the right experience and capability to design, build and operate a facility. It will take another two years before a preferred bid is selected and five–six years before a facility is operating. No decisions have been made regarding the type or location of any facilities.

We have a new bookable hard waste collection service. Turn to page 16 to learn more.

Going green

World Environment Day, held recently, is always a good time to reflect on what we can do to protect our environment, but we can all play our part in reducing our impact on the environment all year round.

Discover a range of free waste and environmental resources, tools and activities and learn how to live in a more environmentally sustainable way.

- Free downloadable colouring and activity sheets.
- Birding at home – a space to post photos and ask experts to help identify which birds are visiting your backyard.
- Inspire others or be inspired by the many ways to live sustainably in your home.
- Tips to start your composting adventure or ask questions.

All this and more can be found on the 'My Green Home and Garden' page on our Connecting Cardinia online space.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/connectingcardinia

Local businesses: switch on savings

Did you know that business owners in Cardinia Shire can apply for finance for energy, water and waste efficient projects to help significantly reduce their operating costs and impact on the environment?

The Environmental Upgrade Finance (EUF) program is a Sustainable Melbourne Fund project that:

- offers long-term, low interest loans via an agreement to owners of eligible commercial and nonresidential buildings
- supports businesses to upgrade their infrastructure to increase energy, water and waste efficiency

- offers repayment terms of up to 20 years to help reduce repayment amounts
- offers 100% project finance
- has fixed quarterly repayments made via Council rates
- allows repayments to be split between landlords and tenants.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/euf

sustainableaustraliafund.com.au/upgrade-fund/

Save energy and money

Would you like to learn more about reducing your household's impact on the environment?

Perhaps you'd like to cut the cost of your energy and water bills? Head to our website for helpful information, resources and practical tips on how to save energy and water ... and help your hip pocket at the same time!

Our dedicated energy efficiency webpage features:

- tips to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- resources to help household energy and water efficiency
- helpful links
- help to understand energy bills and find the right plan for your home.

Our community

What it means to be child friendly

With almost 30 per cent of the shire's population aged under 17 years, we know it's important to involve children in our activities and decision making.

As a proud Child Friendly City, Cardinia Shire Council strives to ensure that our community is inclusive of children.

We recently asked some children what they thought a child friendly city looked like. Here's what they had to say ...

- **Hayely (11):** "Cardinia Shire is very child friendly as it has a variety of facilities that are clean and accessible, like parks for families, dog parks and places to kick the footy."
- **Jorga (11):** "As a whole it offers an amazing sporting hub in Cardinia Life, creating a safe and fun venue for children of all ages to participate in sport and swimming. The shire also offers many different venues and parks for children to enjoy."
- **Mia (11):** "Having a child friendly city is including kids activities, events, sports and letting students have a voice."

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/childfriendly

Read all about it

Have you checked out our exciting new 'Youth Services News' e-zine?

The online e-zine is distributed via our Youth Services' Facebook page and features youth services news, information and tips for young people regarding mental health support and COVID-19, activities, a pride corner that features events, resources and support for young people who identify as LGBTIQ+, and up-to-date information on what's happening in the shire.

To check out the newsletter, visit the Cardinia Youth Services Facebook page or send your email address to myplace@cardinia.vic.gov.au to subscribe to never miss an edition.

Strengthening community connections

Neighbourhood houses in the shire continue to connect and support their local communities.

With their usual operations significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, neighbourhood houses needed to become creative, flexible and dynamic to continue meeting the needs of their communities.

Many neighbourhood houses continued to provide essential services, but many face-to-face programs had to be replaced with online initiatives.

Some of the innovative ways in which they adapted included free zoom lessons, themed lockdown dinners, and a 'Today at 10' initiative which encouraged people

to do activities at the same time and share their experiences.

Annie and Tam stock the Food is Free Cockatoo community pantry at Cockatoo Community House. This initiative has been expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic, and has received support as part of Council's COVID-19 Community Relief Provider Support Grants program.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodhouses

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations are available for eligible community members through Cardinia Shire Council's free community immunisation service or via a local GP, subject to stock availability.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/flu

Community spirit hard at work

In the 16 months since the Bunyip Complex Fires, we have continued to work with and support our fire-affected communities and businesses with the help of many community organisations and volunteers.

Here's a snapshot of some of the support that has been provided:

- 2,200 lunches and dinners served
- 1,500 hours undertaken by SES volunteers to clean up properties

- 600 BlazeAid volunteers clearing 300 kilometres of burnt fencing and replacing 150 kilometres of fencing
- 284 essential water deliveries
- 80 businesses supported
- 80 volunteers assisting the Bushfire Recovery Centre
- 50 properties made safe with tree works
- 30 volunteer groups supporting the recovery
- 20 wellbeing activities and workshops held
- 10 Community Recovery Committee members advocating for community needs.

Council would like to thank all volunteers for the important role they have played in helping our community recover. We will continue to support our community and connect community members and businesses with services and assistance.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/recovery

Artists aid recovery

Creative Recovery Network and Cardinia Shire Council have appointed three local artists to participate in a new bushfire recovery program designed to support community recovery and resilience building.

The program is in response to the Bunyip Complex Fires in 2019 and is a region-wide partnership between Creative Recovery Network and Cardinia Shire, Baw Baw Shire and Latrobe City councils with support from Lifeline Gippsland and funding from the Victorian Government.

The program is designed to build capacity among local artists to develop recovery programs in disaster-affected communities, as well as foster a sense of communal recovery through unique creative projects. Three artists from each local government area have been appointed.

Janine Good
Gülşen Özer
Sue Jarvis

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/recovery

Be prepared

Prepare your property ahead of the fire danger period by:

- cutting grass and removing fallen branches within 30 metres of buildings
- removing leaves and twigs from gutters
- cutting back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- writing down and practising your fire action plan
- ensuring your home and contents insurance is adequate.

If you plan on burning off as part of your clean up, you must do this before the fire danger period, which is set by the CFA each year. A permit may be required.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff

Central Ward

Bridges improve pedestrian access

Pedestrians can now enjoy improved safety and access across Toomuc Creek following completion of the bridge at the northern end of Toomuc Creek Linear Reserve in Pakenham.

The northern bridge has been replaced to ensure the ongoing safety of users. It connects the eastern side of the reserve with Rotary Park.

Work is also nearing completion on the bridge at the southern end of the reserve. The new bridge will provide better access from the end of Possum Place on the eastern side of the creek and Victory Drive on the western side.

Planning for regional athletics facility

Plans are underway for a new regional athletics facility at IYU Recreation Reserve in Pakenham.

Detailed design is being undertaken for a 400-metre athletics track, including triple/long jump, high jump, pole vault, discus and shot put.

The new facility will help accommodate growing participation in athletics in the shire and will benefit local clubs and the wider community.

Major projects

A number of major projects in Central Ward have received funding in our 2020–21 budget, including:

- ✓ Toomuc Recreation Reserve northern and southern pavilion upgrades
 - ✓ My Place youth centre
 - ✓ IYU Recreation Reserve athletics facility
 - ✓ Pakenham regional tennis court resurfacing
 - ✓ Cardinia Life extension
- Read more about all the projects in Central Ward, and across the shire, on our website:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/budget

Win for local sports

Local sporting clubs and the wider community are set to benefit from the planned redevelopment of the three pavilions at Toomuc Recreation Reserve in Pakenham.

We are working closely with user groups on the concept for the northern pavilion project and southern pavilion project. The improvements will accommodate growing participation in local sports and will ensure all ages and genders will have equal and safe use of the facilities.

Upgrades are expected to include universally accessible change rooms and amenities for players and umpires, as well as improvements to existing facilities such as canteens, social spaces and spectator areas.

Local clubs to benefit from the improvements include Pakenham Football Club, Pakenham Lions Netball Club,

Pakenham Cricket Club, Pakenham Junior Football Club, Pakenham Pumas Baseball Club, and Pakenham Little Athletics Centre.

Play time in Devine Drive

A new playground featuring a gyro spinner, triple swing set, two-person rocker, slides and a track ride is now open in Devine Drive, Pakenham.

New planting is being established so some areas around the playground remain fenced.

We thank the community members who provided valuable input and feedback into the project as part of the community consultation process.

The project was undertaken as part of our 2019–20 Capital Works Program.

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Port Ward

Kicking goals in Bunyip

Construction of the new soccer pavilion at Bunyip Recreation Reserve is now complete.

The new pavilion features universally accessible change rooms and amenities for players and umpires, a first aid room, kitchen/canteen, multi-purpose room for club activities and community hire, cleaners' storage room, and storage spaces.

Detailed design for the redevelopment of the two soccer fields with a cricket pitch is now underway in consultation with the local clubs and reserve committee.

The pavilion will be home to Bunyip Strikers Soccer Club and will ensure the club can accommodate the growing local participation in soccer, including junior and female players. The building will also be available for other local clubs that use the reserve, including the Bunyip Cricket Club.

The project was jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

Recreation and community precinct for Lang Lang

The major recreation and community precinct at Lang Lang is now complete.

Lang Lang Community Recreation Reserve features ovals for Australian Rules Football and cricket, netball courts, cricket practice nets, a pavilion with multipurpose community space, a wetland area and other open spaces for recreational activities.

The project has been jointly funded by Council, Our Community Company, the franchiser of Lang Lang Community Bank, and the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

Major projects

A number of major projects in Port Ward have received funding in our 2020–21 budget, including:

- ✓ Koo Wee Rup football, cricket and netball pavilion
- ✓ Cora Lynn Reserve pavilion design
- ✓ Koo Wee Rup High School sports facilities upgrades
- ✓ Koo Wee Rup skate park improvements at Cochrane Park
- ✓ Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve power and sewerage upgrade

Read more about all the projects in Port Ward, and across the shire, on our website:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/budget

Fun for all

Adventure awaits at Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve's newly upgraded playground.

We've worked closely with the community to create a play space that caters for children of all ages. It features a quad swing, basket swing, two person rocker, climbing cube, monkey bars and slides.

The new district play space at Dick Jones Park in Lang Lang is also nearing completion. It features a flying fox, triple swing set, tornado swing, slides including two large tunnel slides, rock climbing walls, a climbing cube and a dedicated toddler zone. The playground will be a great spot to play in the warmer months with plenty of natural and built shade provided.

Both projects have been undertaken as part of Council's 2019–20 Playground Renewal Program.

Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve, Spencer Street, Nar Nar Goon.

Dick Jones Park, corner Westernport Road and Roseberry Street, Lang Lang.

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Road safety improvements

Four kilometres of guardrail has been installed on both sides of Main Drain South Road in Bunyip.

The guardrail has been installed between Evans Road and Little Road and will help improve road safety.

Council received a grant from the Australian Government's Blackspot Program to undertake the \$500,000 project.

Accessibility upgrades

Garfield outdoor pool has been upgraded to improve access for all. Improvements included:

- installing a moveable hoist for the pool
- accessible change room upgrade
- levelling pathways around the pool area
- modifications to the entrance and exit gates
- accessible car parking spaces.

Council received funding for the accessibility upgrades from Sport Australia's Community Sport Infrastructure program.

Keep an eye on our website for opening dates of our outdoor pools for the summer season.

Ranges Ward

Major upgrade for Perc Allison pavilion

The Perc Allison pavilion at Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve is getting a major upgrade.

Works will include unisex and universally accessible change rooms for players and umpires, a first aid and

injury prevention/strapping room, a gym and covered spectator viewing area. Detailed design is now complete and the tender process is underway.

With increased female participation in organised sport, this project will ensure all ages and genders have equal and safe use of the facility.

This project is valued at more than \$630,000, with the Australian Government's Sport Australia Fund contributing \$500,000.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

Gearing up for better local roads

Council is progressing its Better Local Roads Program to modernise and improve 111km of unsealed roads.

The Australian Government has committed \$150 million in funding, to be provided in stages over 10 years starting later this year. The funding will be used to seal priority roads in the hills and to help subsidise residential contributions to special charge schemes.

The project will help more than 3,400 families and residents in Cardinia Shire to get their roads sealed. Residents of roads subject to a special charge scheme will have an opportunity to share their feedback and decide if they would like to have their road sealed. Works on the first road upgrades are scheduled to start this summer.

creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/better-local-roads-program

Works start at Gembrook Recreation Reserve

Works to redevelop the sporting pavilion at Gembrook Recreation Reserve have started.

The pavilion will feature unisex and universally accessible change rooms for players and umpires, accessible amenities, a first aid room, gym, storage, minor upgrade to the existing kitchen and social room, upgrade to the spectator viewing lounge and timekeeper's room, and lift access to the first floor.

The project is jointly funded by Council (\$1.45 million) and the Australian Government's Community Development Program (\$1 million). Works are expected to be completed in early 2021.

The pavilion will complement the recently completed redevelopment of the two netball courts. Funded by Council, this project included new acrylic surfacing, fencing, court lighting and players' boxes.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

Major projects

A number of major projects in Ranges Ward have received funding in our 2020–21 budget, including:

- ✓ Comely Banks Recreation Reserve pavilion and car parking
- ✓ Hills road sealing projects
- ✓ Emerald Netball pavilion and courts
- ✓ Timbertop integrated children's facility and integrated children's facility in Rix Road, Officer

✓ Gembrook Recreation Reserve pavilion upgrade

Read more about all the projects in Ranges Ward, and across the shire, on our website:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/budget

Comely Banks pavilion takes shape

Construction of the new community and sports pavilion at Comely Banks Recreation Reserve will form part of a new regional sporting hub.

Once complete the reserve will provide a home for existing and future sports that use rectangular pitches including touch rugby and rugby league, as well as for cricket and lawn bowls.

The Department of Education and Cardinia Shire Council developed the reserve's joint master plan to cater for the needs of the adjacent Bridgewood Primary School and early years centre, as well as the future needs of the growing local community. The project is jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

Adventure and nature park coming to Officer

An amazing new outdoor space featuring a regional-level skate and BMX facility, wheeled adventure trail, fitness zone, play spaces and a dog offleash area is coming to Officer.

The 10-hectare Officer District Park will also have a cafe, wetlands, walking paths, picnic facilities, open grasslands and a lookout.

Thank you to the community members who provided input into the development of the park's master plan and feedback on the design of the park's main features.

The project is jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund. Construction is set to commence in mid-2021.

Get your heart pumping at Alma Treloar Reserve

A new BMX pump track and upgraded skate park to suit riders and skaters of all abilities is now complete at Alma Treloar Reserve in Cockatoo.

The major upgrade has resulted in a district-level facility in our shire for all to enjoy. It will benefit people in the hills community and beyond who have been keen for a new BMX track to be built in this part of Cardinia Shire. We thank the community members who provided feedback on the project.

Alma Treloar Reserve, 73 Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road, Cockatoo.

Fun in the neighbourhood

Finishing touches are being applied to the upgraded playground at Tantallon Boulevard Detention Basin Reserve in Beaconsfield.

New features include a triple swing, two slides, a climbing cube, monkey bars and a track ride, as well as expansion of the existing basketball area.

Sporting a new look

Worrell Reserve in Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald has undergone a major transformation.

The new football and cricket pavilion is now complete, providing modern facilities including universally accessible change rooms and amenities, covered viewing area and a ground level not-forprofit community gym.

Stage 2 of the oval redevelopment is also complete and included an upgrade to the sports field lighting, new coaches' boxes and a high ball net.

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Bookable hard waste service now available

A new bookable hard waste collection service is now available to Cardinia Shire households.

The improved service gives residents greater flexibility to book hard waste collections at a time convenient to them.

- All Cardinia Shire households using Council bins, including rental properties, will be able to book up to two free collections per year.
- You can dispose of up to two cubic meters (2m x 1m x 1m) for each collection. This is the same amount as the previous service.
- If you can't reuse it, sell it or give it away, book your hard waste collection online or by phone and we will pick it up.
- To help keep our streets tidy and safe, please remember that hard waste should be placed on your nature strip no earlier than the weekend before your booked collection date.

For more information or bookings:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste or phone 1300 787 624

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