

The Casey-Cardinia growth area includes the suburbs of Cranbourne, Pakenham and Officer. Casey-Cardinia has experienced the most residential development of all the growth areas over the past 10 years. It is the most distant growth area from central Melbourne and the only one located to the south or south-east of the city. The growth area has an abundance of significant natural and developed features, including:

- an enviable natural landscape setting and the Dandenong Ranges foothills
- many creeks draining to Westernport Bay, a resource of world significance that is already under environmental pressure
- two existing electrified railway lines converging on Dandenong Transit City
- large amounts of undeveloped land adjacent to these railway lines
- two existing major highways (the Monash/Princes Freeway and the South Gippsland Highway) and the nearby Eastlink under construction
- the nearby Dandenong Transit City, two principal activity centres at Cranbourne and Fountain Gate–Narre Warren and six major activity centres at Berwick Village/Casey Technology Precinct, Casey Central, Endeavour Hills, Hampton Park, Officer and Pakenham, with room to grow
- the Royal Botanic Gardens at Cranbourne, and access to tourism and recreation in the Dandenong Ranges, Gippsland, Phillip Island and the Mornington Peninsula
- a thriving rural-based natural resource economy.



ENOUGH ROOM TO GROW

This plan and the changes to the urban growth boundary provide enough land:

- for Casey-Cardinia to grow by 136,000–169,000 people
- for the additional 68,000–85,000 households that will need accommodation
- to encourage employment in local businesses and industries to grow to between 100,000 and 140,000 jobs, reducing the need to commute long distances.

There are severe limits to additional growth in Casey-Cardinia and in most of the south-eastern region of Melbourne beyond 2030. Environmental conditions in the Western Port catchment including the former Koo Wee Rup swamp; the sensitivity of the Ramsar wetlands and coastal areas of Westernport Bay; and the region's high-value agricultural areas will largely determine the extent of future development. These limits mean that land identified for development must be used as efficiently as possible. Growth in this region will require careful monitoring and further assessment.

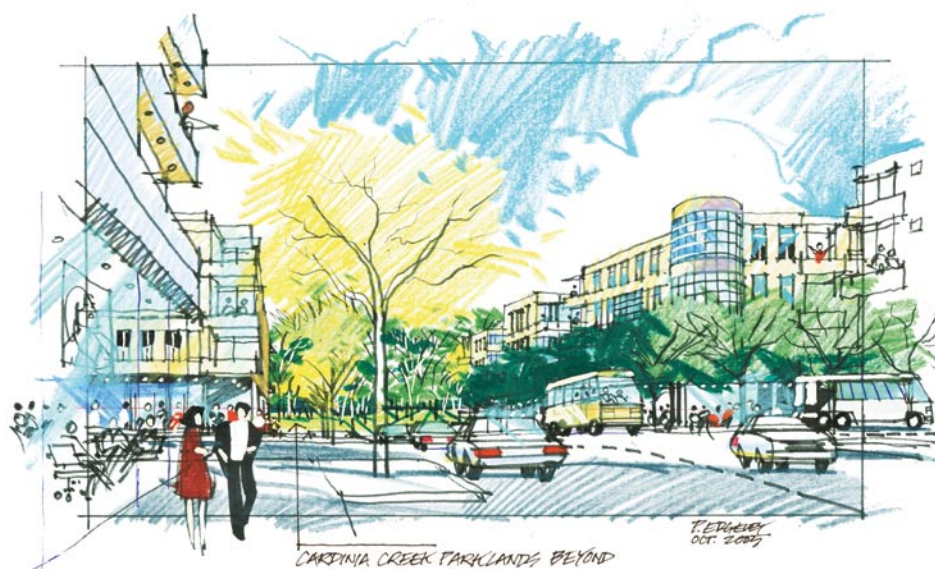
GREEN SPACES FOR GENERATIONS

“It is important to protect Casey-Cardinia’s waterways and open space from development, preserving them as spaces of environmental significance that separate and define communities.”

Casey-Cardinia Smart Growth Committee community workshop.

The Casey-Cardinia growth area plan:

- recognises Cardinia Creek as a regional identity, and enhances its status as a waterway and open space corridor
- supports the protection of all other creeks for environmental and recreation purposes
- protects land with high agricultural values to the south
- prohibits development in the flood prone areas of the former Koo Wee Rup swamp
- preserves the high landscape values of the wooded foothills of the Dandenong Ranges
- avoids development in environmentally sensitive areas, including those at risk of salinity and waterlogging.

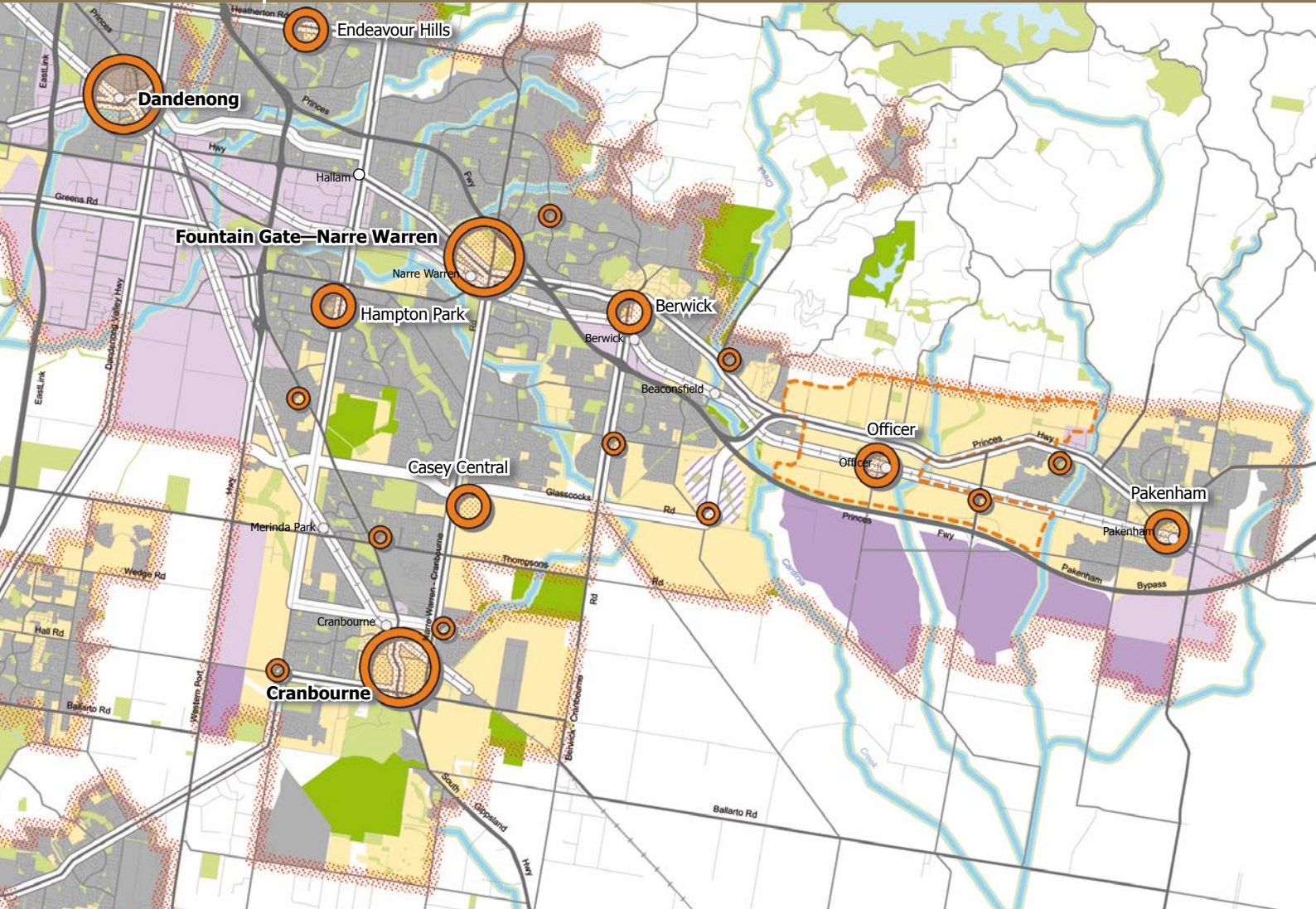


A bustling commercial precinct near the Cardinia Creek parklands provides jobs for local residents

CASEY-CARDINIA growth area plan

casey-cardinia’s many natural features, including streams and creeks and the dandenong ranges foothills, provide an attractive setting for future growth

casey-cardinia growth area framework plan



legend



approximate scale only

ACTIVITY CENTRES



principal



major

neighbourhood (large)

URBAN AREA



existing

RESIDENTIAL



urban land supply

EMPLOYMENT



existing



proposed



mixed-use employment focus

UGB



urban growth boundary

(refer to approved planning scheme maps for precise location and scale)

PDA



preferred development area (subject to detailed structure planning)

OPEN SPACE



regional significance



local network



significant creeks & buffers



BETTER ACCESS

“Casey-Cardinia needs a transport plan and the right infrastructure to support the growing population.”

Casey-Cardinia Smart Growth Committee community workshop.

The Casey-Cardinia growth area plan:

- supports and reinforces the Dandenong Transit City as a key transport, employment, entertainment and service centre for the growth area and the broader region
- supports access to jobs through better east-west arterial road connections
- supports upgrades to roads to improve on-road public transport or freight movement, including north-south roads interchanging with the Pakenham Bypass.

THRIVING COMMUNITY LIFE

“More local employment, a range of community services such as hospitals and secondary schools, and a choice of affordable housing styles and size are needed in Officer, Pakenham and Cranbourne.”

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The Casey-Cardinia growth area plan:

- provides for a range of housing choices at Cranbourne, Officer and Pakenham
- supports residential and commercial development around public transport at a proposed new activity centre at Officer
- identifies areas for employment at Casey Technology Precinct at Berwick, a new mixed-use business and residential area near Beaconsfield, and industrial areas south of Officer and Pakenham and along the Dandenong-Hastings Road west of Cranbourne
- encourages employment and commercial development at activity centres such as Cranbourne and Pakenham town centres.



A vibrant new town centre below the Cardinia foothills