

East Region

East region context

The east region is characterised by the railway townships to the east of Cardinia's urban growth areas, signalling the transition between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The population of this region has been relatively stable between 2011 to 2021, with a current population of 11,200 people in 2023. Slight growth is expected in the future, with a projected population of 12,900 in 2033.

There are higher proportions of older adults in the east region, with over one third (38 per cent) of people aged 50 years and over. Of the families in the region, the proportions of families with older children are generally higher.

The population of east region is less culturally diverse than other regions in Cardinia Shire with 10 per cent of the population born overseas and three per cent of the population speaking a language other than English. The indigenous population is slightly higher as a proportion of total population in the east region, with 8.4 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Shire living in the east region.

45 per cent of working residents work within Cardinia Shire. However, there are slightly higher proportions of low-income earners in the east region (32 per cent of adults earning less than \$500 per week), and slightly lower proportions of adults with higher or tertiary education (47 per cent of the population), compared to other regions in Cardinia Shire. These indicators may increase the vulnerability of people in this region to socio-economic down-turn and cost of living pressures, where adequate community services and infrastructure is required to support the community.

According to the 2021 Cardinia Liveability Survey, there were lower proportions of residents in the east region attending art exhibitions (17 per cent) and just under one third visited their local library (31 per cent). 29 per cent of residents attended cultural events. In the east region, residents are more likely to feel connected to local community. 34 per cent of residents feel no or a slight connection to local community, and 11 per cent of residents believe there is not enough connection to local community. It will be important to maintain the sense of connection to community and ensuring adequate services and facilities are available to meet the community's needs and expectations.

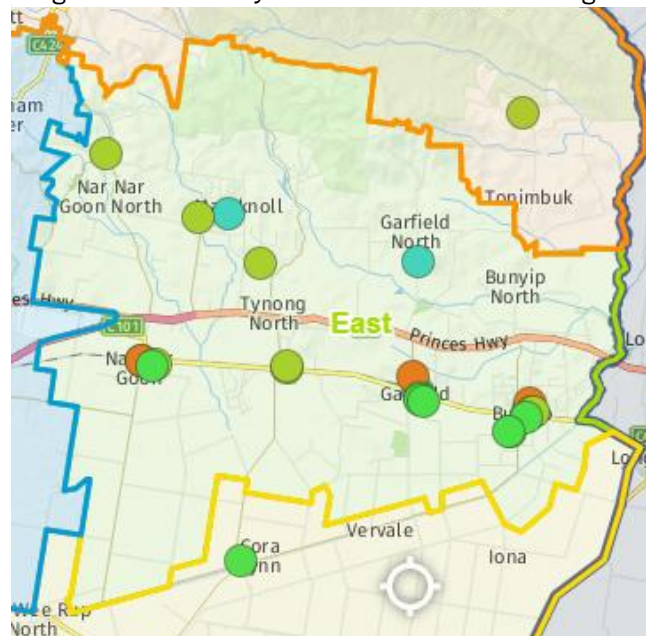
Proposed community infrastructure

In the east region, there are currently two significant projects included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan that are proposed to include community infrastructure. These are:

- Garfield North Cannibal Creek Reserve Building Proposed 2023/24
- Community House Proposed 2028/29

*Where projects have not already commenced, these assets are proposed only, with all investment subject to Council's annual budget process and the availability of external funding.

Figure 8: Community infrastructure in the east region



East region analysis

Undersupplied in 2023	Undersupplied in 2033	Over supplied in 2033
Computer / training room Library	Consult room Kindergarten	Community room – large (standalone) Community room – medium

Community rooms

The quantity assessment suggests that large community rooms in standalone facilities, and medium community rooms are over supplied in the east region, with these spaces being available within either public halls or recreation reserves. The condition and functionality of these spaces is generally good. As many of these facilities are not managed by Council, information about utilisation and capacity for additional use is not known, and this could be explored to understand whether utilisation could be increased.

There are no training rooms available within the east region. It is recommended that further information is sought to determine the needs for training space within the region, and to determine whether alternative spaces could be repurposed as a training room.

The community infrastructure audit suggests the Nar Nar Goon Community Centre and Scout Hall is under-utilised and has limited functionality for varying ranges of use in the local community. The Nar Nar Goon Scout Hall should be considered in combination with the Community Centre due to being located in close proximity. These facilities should be reviewed as a priority to determine the ongoing value and possible future use.

Consult rooms and kindergarten

The quantity assessment suggests that both consult rooms and kindergarten rooms will be under supplied in 2033. Currently consult rooms are only provided within Early Years facilities that house maternal and child health, parenting programs, and kindergarten services. Further investigation is required to determine whether these rooms are suitable for all services that may be delivered from consult rooms (i.e., services not targeted to children and families). Consideration should be given to whether over supplied community room spaces can be repurposed for kindergarten spaces into the future to implement the Best Start Best Life reform. Further exploration of kindergarten requirements will be carried out through the review of the Cardinia Kindergarten Infrastructure and Service Plan (KISP), commencing in 2023.

Concentrations of community infrastructure

There are several different community infrastructure assets within individual townships in the east region, particularly Nar Nar Goon, Garfield and Bunyip. Consideration should be given to whether infrastructure could be integrated, in line with the principles of the Community Infrastructure Plan, to move towards integrated facilities such as community hub models.

Kitchen facilities

There are eight facilities that have kitchen spaces available within the east region, which may be ancillary to other uses within the facility, or for the provision of community kitchen uses. It is recommended that further investigation is carried out to understand the need for, and suitability of, these spaces for community kitchen uses.

Library

There are no library spaces available within the east region, however the Cardinia Mobile Library services many townships in the region. It is recommended that further investigation is carried out to understand whether population demand will drive demand for future permanent facilities.

Public toilets

There are four public toilets in the east region in various localities. The community infrastructure audit suggests the condition and functionality of these facilities are generally good.

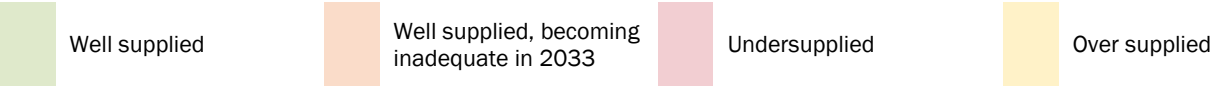
Recommendations for the east region

1. Seek community feedback about the utilisation and community sentiment of Nar Nar Goon Community Centre and Scout Hall. Consider alongside the Scout Hall which is also on the same site.
2. Assess the opportunity to repurpose underutilised spaces that may be suitable to repurpose for kindergarten spaces within the east region.
3. Consider the requirements for consult room spaces and training room spaces within the east region.
4. Review accessibility of library services and opportunities as the population grows.
5. Consider the need for, and suitability of, community kitchen spaces within the east region.

6. Review the mix of community infrastructure in Nar Nar Goon to consider if integration will improve utilisation and accessibility.
7. Review the mix of community infrastructure in Garfield to consider if integration will improve utilisation and accessibility.
8. Review the mix of community infrastructure in Bunyip to consider if integration will improve utilisation and accessibility.

Community Infrastructure Audit – East Region

Category	Provision standard	Year	Population	Supply	Target	Assessment	Facility name	Number of rooms	Building condition	Facility FFP score
Community room - large (integrated) 50-100 capacity	8,000 population per room	2023	11,231	4	1.404	Well supplied	Bunyip and District Community House	1	(blank)	(blank)
		2033	12,946	4	1.618		Nar Nar Goon Community Centre and Scout Hall	1	Good	Poor
							Garfield Recreation Reserve and Community Centre	1	Good	Good
							Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve Pavilion	1	Good	(blank)
Community room - large (standalone) 100+ capacity	20,000 population per room	2023	11,231	6	0.56	Oversupply	Bunyip Hall	1	Good	Good
		2033	12,946	6	0.51		Bunyip Pound Road Pony Clubrooms	1	Good	Good
							Garfield Bowling Club	1	Good	Good
							Garfield Recreation Reserve and Community Centre)	1	Good	Good
							Nar Nar Goon North Public Hall	1	Good	Average
							Tynong Public Hall	1	Good	Good
Community room – medium 20-50 capacity	8,000 population per room	2023	11,231	10	1.404	Oversupply	Bunyip Hall	2	Good	Good
		2033	12,946	12	1.618		Bunyip Recreation Reserve	1	Good	(blank)
							Nar Nar Goon Scout Hall	1	Good	Good
							Bunyip and District Pony Clubrooms	1	Good	Good
							Tynong North Hall (Tynong North Recreation Reserve)	2	Good	Average
							Tynong Public Hall Annexe	1	(blank)	Average
							Yarrabubba Recreation Reserve	1	Good	Average
							[PROPOSED 2029] Community House	1	(blank)	(blank)
							[PROPOSED 2024] Garfield North Cannibal Creek Reserve Building	1	(blank)	(blank)
Community room – small <20 capacity	8,000 population per room	2023	11,231	6	1.404	Well supplied	Nar Nar Goon Community Centre and Scout Hall	1	Good	Poor
		2033	12,946	6	1.618		Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve Pavilion	2	Good	(blank)
							Bunyip and District Pony Clubrooms	1	Good	Good
							Bunyip Kindergarten and MCH Centre	1	Good	Good
							Garfield Bowling Club	1	Good	Good
Computer / training room	60,000 population per room	2023	11,231	0	0.187	Undersupplied			(blank)	(blank)
		2033	12,946	0	0.216				(blank)	(blank)
Consult room (Includes MCH)	4,000 population per room	2023	11,231	3	2.808	Well supplied currently becoming inadequate by 2033	Bunyip Kindergarten and MCH Centre	2	Good	Good
		2033	12,946	3	3.237		Nar Nar Goon Kindergarten and MCH Centre	1	Good	Poor
Kindergarten	Covers 85% of population of 3-4 year olds	2023	275	234	238	Well supplied currently becoming inadequate by 2033	Bunyip Kindergarten and MCH Centre	2	Good	Good
		2033	334	284	238		Garfield Kindergarten	1	Good	Poor
							Nar Nar Goon Kindergarten and MCH Centre	1	Good	Poor
Kitchen		2023	11,231	8			Bunyip Hall	1	Good	Good
		2033	12,946	8			Nar Nar Goon Community Centre and Scout Hall	1	Good	Poor
							Bunyip Pound Road Pony Clubrooms	1	Good	Good
							Garfield Recreation Reserve and Community Centre	1	Good	Good
							Tynong North Hall (Tynong North Recreation Reserve)	2	Good	Average
							Tynong Public Hall	1	Good	Good
							Nar Nar Goon North Public Hall	1	Good	Average



Category	Provision standard	Year	Population	Supply	Target	Assessment	Facility name	Number of rooms	Building condition	Facility FFP score
Library	100,000 population per library	2023	11,231	0	0.112	Undersupplied			(blank)	(blank)
		2033	12,946	0	0.129				(blank)	(blank)

Public toilets		2023	11,231	4			Bunyip Public Toilet Block	1	Good	Good
		2033	12,946	4			Garfield North Mount Cannibal Public Toilet Block	1	(blank)	Average
							Garfield Public Toilet Block	1	Good	Good
							Nar Nar Goon Public Toilet Block	1	Good	Good

