

Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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 and peri-urban communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



Kilmore Family and Children's Centre Expansion 3 Skehan Place and 3 White Street Kilmore 3764

The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Mitchell Shire Council to deliver a family and children's centre for the Kilmore community.

The existing Marie Williams Kindergarten as well as the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) facilities will be integrated into a single co-located facility with expanded capacity to respond to population growth and the introduction of Victorian Government's three year old kindergarten 2022 roll out program.

Creating a single cohesive family and children's centre will provide additional kindergarten places and facilitate and enable connections between MCH and kindergarten service areas through seamless transitions for families and children.

The project will expand kindergarten capacity by an additional 58 licensed places through the addition of two new early learning rooms and a small expansion of one existing rooms. The project will also provide new gathering and waiting spaces which will facilitate the development of informal connections and networks within the community.

Expected date of commencement:

February 2021

Expected date of completion: January 2022

Total Project Cost: \$3,360,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,108,644

Other contributions:

- Mitchell Shire Council \$2,251,356

Mitchell Shire Council

Mitchell Shire Council is located approximately 60 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District and is bounded by Hume and Whittlesea councils to the south.

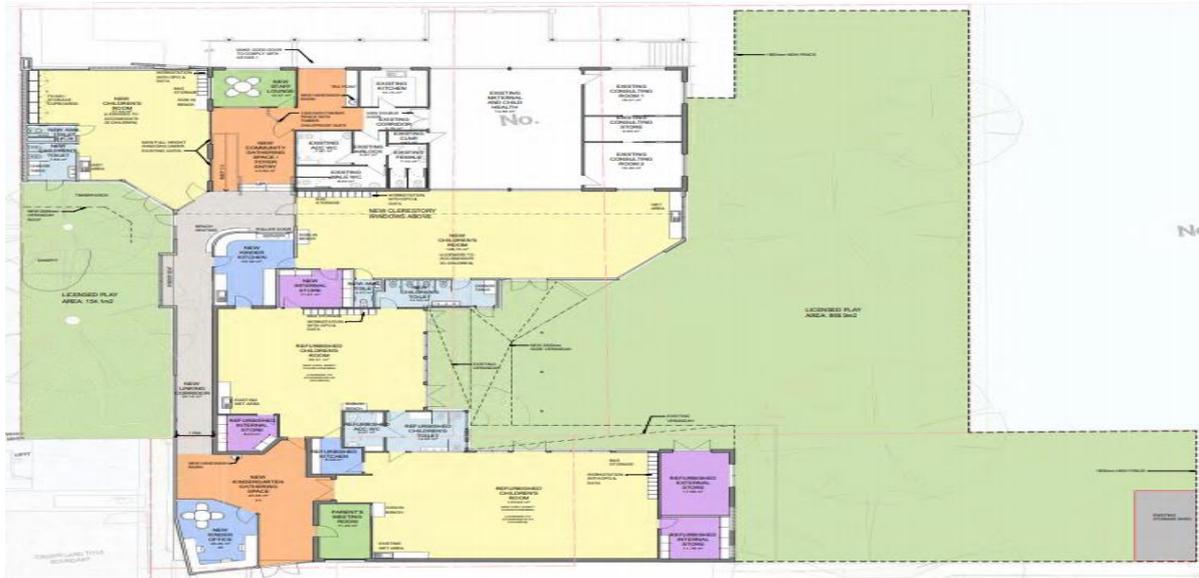
The southern tip has experienced significant residential growth in recent years due to affordable new housing and infrastructure to support an easy commute to Melbourne. Most of the Shire consists of rural land.

The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,864 square km with an estimated population of approximately 44,300 in 2018, which is projected to grow to about 97,700 by 2036¹.

¹ Victoria in Future, 2019

The other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 is:

- Wallan Community Hub (\$850,000)



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