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.

Mill Park Library Public Surrounds Upgrade
394 Plenty Rd, Mill Park 3082

The Growing Suburbs Fund is partnering with the Whittlesea City Council to deliver a range of improvements to the Mill Park Library including:

- an outdoor learning area with sheltered seating
- landscaping
- food garden beds and a ‘nature play’ area;
- activation of the foyer as a social gathering space with seating, planting and lighting
- public realm improvements surrounding library including landscaping, shelter, lighting and paths.

The project is designed to extend the library services into the outdoor areas, expand learning activities to include the health and wellbeing benefits of nature and growing food and expand the scope, range and quality of services provided to the community.

**Expected date of commencement:**
October 2020

**Expected date of completion:** September 2021

**Total Project Cost:** $900,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** $450,000

**Other contributions:**
- Whittlesea City Council $450,000

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1 Victoria in Future, 2019
The other project in Whittlesea City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 is:

- Rochdale Square Neighbourhood Centre Revitalisation ($362,500)
- Mernda Social Support Services Facility ($1,240,000)
- Carrington Children’s Centre outdoor learning and playspace ($150,000)
- Community Energy Efficiency Program ($250,000)