

Growing Suburbs Fund

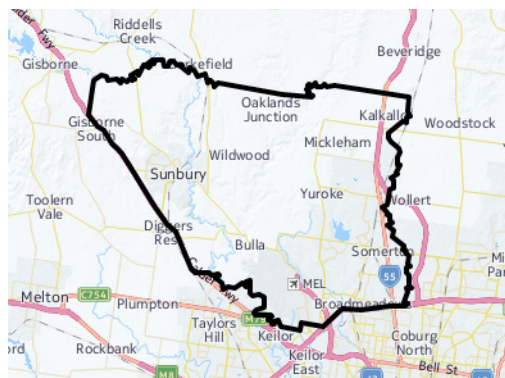
The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering of new local infrastructure. The initial \$50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families by meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs.



Craigieburn Park Inclusive Play Space

Central Park Avenue, Craigieburn

HUME CITY COUNCIL



CITY OF HUME

The City of Hume is a growing municipality about 20 kms from Melbourne's central business district. The southern parts of the city are well-established urban areas while the north remains rural in character. Population in Hume is expected to grow by almost 100,000 between 2016 and 2031.

Hume has a high level of cultural diversity with nearly 30% born in a non-English speaking country and more than 40% speaking a language other than English at home¹.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2014 <http://profile.id.com.au/hume>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Craigieburn is a rapidly growing community in Melbourne's northern growth corridor. Hume City Council plans to meet the needs of its rapidly growing community through the Craigieburn Park development.

Funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund will be used for the Craigieburn Park Inclusive Play Space, situated within Craigieburn Park. This Play Space will address the need for inclusive children's play opportunities and encourage physical activity in growing communities.

The Inclusive Play Space will be the first fully inclusive play space in the municipality, catering for children of various ages and abilities.

The play space includes new signage, a feature entrance and double gates; an accessible circuit path; an all abilities carousel; a 'tea party' cubby house; accessible drinking fountain; a sand play area; a water play area; a creek line play area; BBQ, shelter and seating; picnic and performance lawn area; slides, tunnels, swings and bridges; a forest climbing and rope play area; volcanic cone and mounds; and interactive music.

The Craigieburn Park Inclusive Play Space will attract families from the local area, across the municipality as well as visitors.

The project is part of a wider Craigieburn Park Precinct development, which includes the Craigieburn Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Expected completion: late 2016

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$600,000

Other Contributions: \$394,000

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