

Growing Suburbs Fund

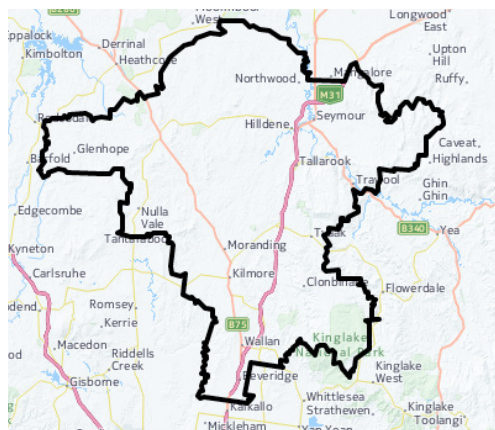
The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering of new local infrastructure. The initial \$50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families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



Hadfield Park Play Space

High Street, Wallan

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Mitchell Shire is located approximately 80 kms north of Melbourne, abutting the northern borders of Hume City Council. It is characterised by a significant growth corridor in the southern area of the shire and rural areas to the north.

The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,862 sq kms with a population of approximately 41,000 which is expected to grow to almost 89,000 by 2031¹.

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Located in Melbourne's outer north, Wallan is undergoing a transformation. With a growing young population moving into the area the current play infrastructure is insufficient to meet the needs of the community.

As the result of funding partnerships between the Growing Suburbs Fund, Mitchell Shire Council and the Bendigo Community Bank this play space will be transformed into a unique, adventure-style play area with an engaging mix of play opportunities for children of all ages and abilities.

The Growing Suburbs Fund contribution will replace the existing outdated playground to install a contemporary play space which will include a splash pad, water play elements, upgraded toilets, change areas, pathways and car parking, fencing, shade and seating will support the infrastructure.

The renewed Hadfield Park Play Space will improve connectivity with the shopping precinct, while improving Wallan's amenity and liveability.



Expected completion: early 2017

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$950,000

Mitchell Shire Council allocation: \$480,000

Other contributions: \$520,000

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