

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.



Mill Park Lakes Community Pavilion

The Lakes Boulevard, South Morang

WHITTLESEA CITY COUNCIL



CITY OF WHITTLESEA

The City of Whittlesea is located approximately 20 kms north of Melbourne's central business district. The southern parts of the city are well established urban areas while the north remains rural. Whittlesea is home to an ethnically diverse population with a very high percentage of residents born overseas.

Residential developments are extending towards the north of the municipality and the City of Whittlesea is expected to grow from more than 206,000 residents to more than 320,000 residents by 2031.¹

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The South Morang community is diverse, with a large population of young adults. Mill Park Lakes Reserve is a well-used and popular local sporting ground.

To better accommodate current usage, while encouraging even greater participation in sport, funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund will redevelop the existing Mill Park Lakes Community Pavilion.

Local sporting club memberships are growing significantly. The South Morang Football and Netball Club has a women's football team, and its Auskick program is one of the largest in Australia. Improvements will benefit local sporting clubs including the South Morang Football and Netball Club and the South Morang Cricket Club.

Redevelopment includes a social area, internally accessible storage areas, a first aid room, additional mixed gender umpire rooms, upgraded mixed gender player amenities, two additional mixed gender change facilities and extended rainwater tanks.

Improving facilities at the pavilion will enhance the overall experience of locals who come together enjoy activities at the reserve and the pavilion.

Expected completion: May 2017

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1.25 million

Other Contributions: \$1.77 million

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