

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



The City of Melton is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is considered one of the fastest growing interface councils. In 2017, the City of Melton had a growth rate of 5 per cent compared with the national average growth of 1.6 per cent. It is anticipated that Melton's population will more than double between 2017 and 2041<sup>1</sup>.

Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

### MARLO DRIVE RESERVE

2-4 Lady Lenhyn Drive, Harkness 3337

**Background:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Melton City Council to deliver essential local open space facilities that will be accessible to all of the Harkness community that will provide health, safety and well-being outcomes.

Upgrade works at Marlo Drive Reserve will deliver the following:

- A shelter with picnic facilities adjacent to the play space
- Multiple seating points for respite and social interaction
- Pathway improvements
- Neighbourhood scale play space with a variety of equipment
- Natural play elements nestled within a forest
- Landscape and planting

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/melton1>

# GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

**Expected date of commencement:** June 2019

**Expected date of completion:** December 2019

**Total Project Cost:** \$880,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$440,000

**Other contributions:** Melton City Council \$440,000

**Other project in Melton City Council to receive funding from the 2018-19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:**

- Eynesbury Recreation Reserve (\$2,075,000)
- Caroline Springs Town Centre Sports Precinct Community Pavilion (\$1,055,000)
- Bloomsbury Drive Play Space (\$405,000)
- Morton Homestead Play Space Reserve (\$265,000)
- Stan Payne Reserve (\$400,000)
- Arbour Boulevard Reserve (\$355,000)

Melton City Council will receive a total of \$4,995,000 for seven projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018-19 Round.

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at [localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf](http://localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf)

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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