

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.



KILMORE REJUVENATION – A Make Over for Sydney Street's Retail Core

Sydney Street, Kilmore 3764

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Mitchell Shire Council to deliver Stage 1 of the Kilmore Town Centre Revitalisation Master Plan adopted by Council in 2016. The first stage of the Master Plan will deliver public realm and streetscape improvement works to rejuvenate Kilmore's main activity centre, more specifically the core retail strip on Sydney Street between Bourke and Union Street.

The upgrade will increase pedestrian and vehicle safety, enhance amenities and provide greater access and connectivity throughout the town activity centre. This rejuvenation project will greatly enhance the visual appeal and civic pride into the local community but will deliver significant social, economical and environmental benefits into the region.

Stage 1 works will deliver wider footpaths and pedestrian refuges, street tree planting works, new street furniture and fixtures as well as lighting. The project is designed with due consideration to climate change with Universal Design and Water Sensitive Urban Design principles incorporated.

Mitchell Shire Council is located approximately 60 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District and is bounded by Hume and Whittlesea councils to the south.

The southern tip has experienced significant residential growth in recent years due to affordable new housing and infrastructure to support an easy commute to Melbourne. Most of the shire consists of rural land. The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,864 square km with an estimated population of approximately 44,300 in 2018, which is projected to grow to about 97,700 by 2036.¹

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2019-20

Expected date of commencement: February 2021

Expected date of completion: May 2021

Total Project Cost: \$2,583,723

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,423,550

Other contributions:

Mitchell Shire Council \$160,173



Figure 1 – Kilmore Rejuvenation – Concept Design (Mitchell Shire Council)



Figure 2 – Kilmore Rejuvenation – Sydney & Mill Street Plaza Concept Design (Mitchell Shire Council)

Other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2019-20 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Activation of Broadford Parks and Play Spaces (\$720,000)
- Taylors Creek Shared Path (\$1,688,050)

Mitchell Shire Council received a total of \$4,831,600 million for three projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-20.

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

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

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