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.

WHITTLESEA CITY COUNCIL

Whittlesea City Council is located about 20 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are established urban areas and current residential developments are extending towards the north of the municipality.

Whittlesea City Council is home to an ethnically-diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2018, the population of Whittlesea City Council grew 3.5 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population is projected to grow by 63.2 percent from around 223,300 in 2018, to about 364,500 in 2036.¹

WHITTLESEA COMMUNITY SKATE PARK
35G Beech Street, Whittlesea 3757

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Whittlesea City Council to upgrade the Whittlesea skate park to provide updated facilities and reinvigorate the reserve and significantly increase the number of visitors to an already popular park.

The project will include:
- street skate and park elements
- new social and seating spaces
- a refurbished BMX track
- shade structures and drinking fountains
- pathways connecting Beech Street to Laurel Street.

The Skate Park is located centrally to other recreation facilities and it is 400 metres from Whittlesea’s Town Centre. The project will improve accessibility to cater for a broader range of age groups, encourage female participation, and skaters of different abilities, for the growing Whittlesea community.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019
Expected date of commencement: July 2020
Expected date of completion: November 2021
Total Project Cost: $950,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: $375,000
Other contributions:
Whittlesea City Council: $575,000

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

Other projects in the Whittlesea City Council to receive funding from the 2019-20 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Quarry Hills Regional Parkland ($2,500,000)
- Whittlesea Public Gardens Revitalisation ($2,000,000)
- Lalor Streetscape Upgrade ($1,500,000)
- McLeans Road Kindergarten Upgrade ($500,000)

Whittlesea City Council received a total of $6,875,000 million for five projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-2020.

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf
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