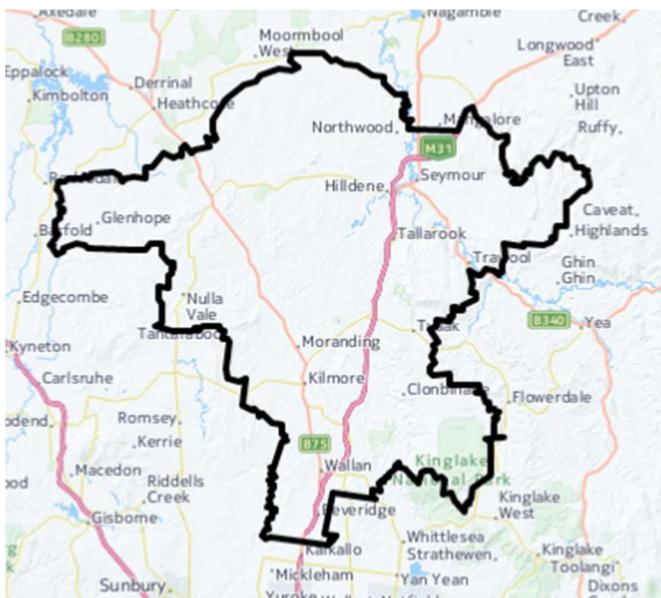


The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



WALLAN EAST RELOCATABLE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Corner of Wallara Waters Boulevard and South Station Street, Wallan East 3756

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Mitchell Shire Council purchase and install relocatable early learning facilities in the soon to be developed Newbridge Estate located east of Wallan. Three fully functional kindergarten rooms with landscaped surrounds will provide an interim early learning services that will address the current and future service needs of families in this rapidly expanding growth area. The relocatable Early Learning Centre project will consist of the following:

- Three 33 placement capacity kindergarten rooms
- 2 Maternal Child Health consulting rooms
- One shared office space for administration and meeting purposes
- Registered waiting foyer space
- Amenities (accessible children and staff toilets, kitchen)
- Outdoor play space
- Landscaping around building
- Car park spaces

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 43,000 in 2017, which is expected to grow to about 82,000 by 2031¹.

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

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

Expected date of commencement: September 2019

Expected date of completion: September 2019

Total Project Cost: \$2,170,032

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,170,032



Figure 1 – Project location

Figure 2 – Example of relocatable concept plan

Other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Wallan Youth Services Hub (\$645,789)
- Activating Ryan’s Creek Reserve (\$1,000,000)
- Kilmore Creek Pedestrian Bridge (\$745,000)
- Wallan Play Space Upgrades and Half Court Provisions (\$175,000)
- Centenary Drive Kilmore Play Space Upgrade (\$95,000)
- Outdoor Exercise Equipment (\$142,301)

Mitchell Shire Council received a total of \$4.97 million for seven projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018 – 2019.

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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