

Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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 and peri-urban 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

Community Energy Efficiency Program Various sites in Whittlesea

The Growing Suburbs Fund is partnering with the Whittlesea City Council to provide solar PV and battery storage systems for Council-owned community facilities throughout the City of Whittlesea. The project aims to reduce energy consumption and the cost of electricity at these sites, enabling the users of the facilities to reinvest savings into additional or expanded community programs.

This project will deliver 221 kW of solar PV systems on eight community centres and community use facilities and 155 kWh of battery storage at eight community centres and community use facilities.

The eight systems are projected to produce 290 MWh of electricity per year, realise a projected combined saving of more than \$72,000 in the cost of electricity at the sites in the first year and avoid the production of 325 tonnes of GHG emissions annually.

Expected date of commencement:

September 2020

Expected date of completion: April 2021

Total Project Cost: \$500,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$250,000

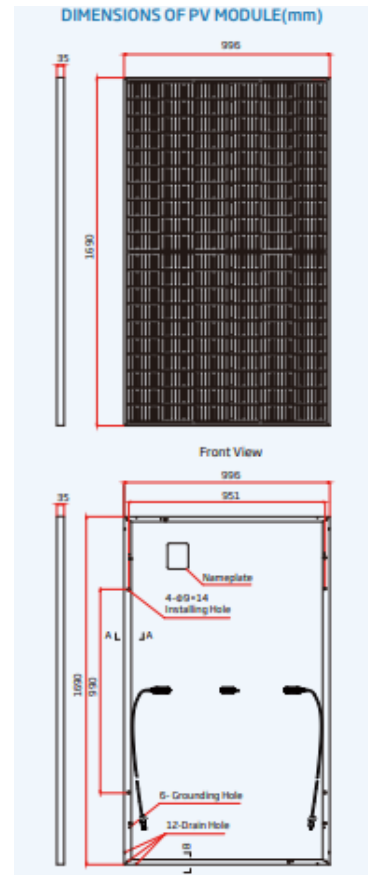
Other contributions:

- Whittlesea City Council \$250,000

¹ Victoria in Future, 2019

The other project in Whittlesea City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 is:

- Rochdale Square Neighbourhood Centre Revitalisation (\$362,500)
- Mernda Social Support Services Facility (\$1,240,000)
- Carrington Children’s Centre outdoor learning and playspace (\$150,000)
- Mill Park Library Public Surrounds Upgrade (\$450,000)



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