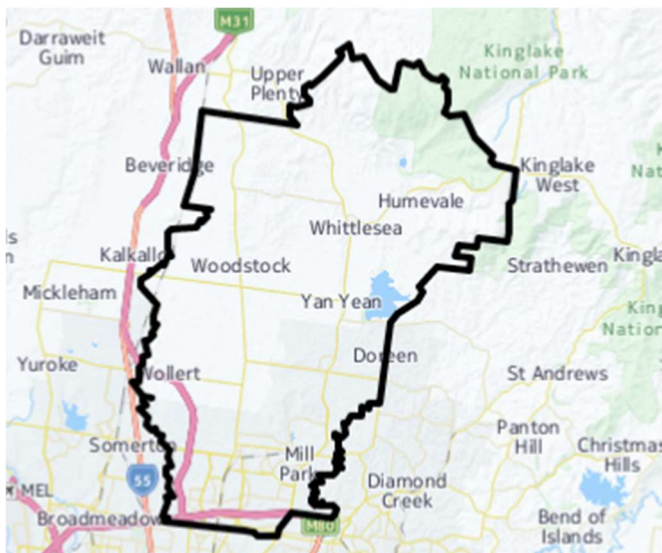


The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure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



NORRIS BANK RESERVE REDEVELOPMENT

63W McLeans Road, Bundoora 3083

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will enable the City of Whittlesea to redevelop a major community park in Bundoora which will enable the community to play, connect and socialise. The redevelopment will provide modern public amenities and deliver a broad range of play opportunities including physical, social, creative and cognitive while becoming the gateway into Whittlesea from the Darebin Creek Shared Trail.

Improvements and additions to the park will include:

- refurbishment/replacement of the existing toilets
- a new skate/scooter/bike area
- more trees to provide shade and natural amenity
- Changing Places toilet at the east end of the park
- a small shelter near the bocce courts
- drinking fountains
- additional seating
- new exercise equipment
- a second picnic area
- installation of soccer and football goals grassed area
- resurfacing around picnic, BBQ and playground area.

The City of Whittlesea 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.

The City of Whittlesea is home to an ethnically-diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2017, the City of Whittlesea had an annual population growth rate of 4.1 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The current population is expected to grow from around 216,500 in 2017, by 45 per cent to about 383,000 in 2031¹.

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



GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

Expected date of commencement: February 2019

Expected date of completion: February 2020

Total Project Cost: \$1,906,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$500,000

Other contributions:

- City of Whittlesea contributes \$1,300,000
- Sport & Recreation Victoria contributes \$106,000

Whittlesea City Council will receive a total of \$5,062,000 for four 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.



Figure 1: Site Overview

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.

Email: gsf@delwp.vic.gov.au or phone: 9948 8536

Other projects in the City of Whittlesea to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Urban Streetscape Improvements - High Street Thomastown (\$1,450,000)
- Harvest Home Road Community Pavilion (\$2,800,000)
- Whittlesea Swim Centre Refurbishment (\$312,000)

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