Hume City Council is a growing, urban fringe municipality about 20 km from the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are well-established urban areas while the north remains rural in character. It has a young population, with 31 per cent of residents under 18 years of age.

Hume City Council is experiencing significant growth at a rate of 4.3 per cent in 2018 - outstripping the national average growth rate of 1.6 per cent. The resident population in Hume City Council estimated at 224,400 in June 2018 is projected to grow by 53 per cent, to about 344,000 by 2036.¹

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Hume City Council to provide improved access to the facility in order to increase the training, meeting and programming space. This upgrade will allow the Council to increase the scope of programs and in turn increase the participation opportunities for the broader Goonawarra community.

Works to be completed will improve access for all abilities (currently no disability access), functionality including larger meeting room, storage and the capacity for new programs and training in a new wet/kitchen area.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019
Expected date of commencement: November 2020
Expected date of completion: October 2021

Total Project Cost: $258,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: $228,600
Other contributions:
- DHHS contribution $30,000

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

- Greenvale Recreation Reserve Playspace ($500,000)
- Cloverton Recreation Reserve Pavilion ($1,495,000)
- Gladstone Park Pavilion Redevelopment ($750,000)
- Kalkallo North Community Centre ($2,000,000)

Hume City Council will receive a total of $4,623,600 for five projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-20.

Figure 1: Goonawarra Neighbourhood House location (Hume City Council)

Figure 2: Goonawarra Neighbourhood House proposed floor plan (Hume City Council)

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

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