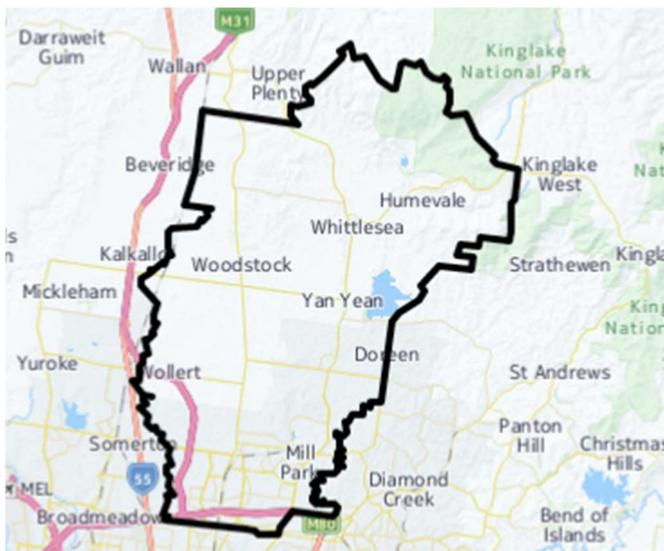


# GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

## WHITTLESEA CITY COUNCIL

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.



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 2031<sup>1</sup>.

### URBAN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS – HIGH STREET, THOMASTOWN

High Street, Thomastown between Spring & Pleasant Streets Thomastown 3074

**Background:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help the City of Whittlesea undertake works to the public space along High Street Thomastown between Spring Street and Pleasant Road.

These works will result in the creation of a pedestrianised civic space including seats, paving, bins, landscaping, drinking fountains and bike racks.

This will benefit the community by significantly improving access for all and provide new spaces for extended visits to the High Street shopping centre. Landscaping and planting along High Street will ensure uniformity of the retail centre, directly improving the visual and physical connection between the community, businesses and High Street Thomastown.

**Expected date of commencement:** March 2019

**Expected date of completion:** June 2021

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,900,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$1,450,000

**Other contributions:** City of Whittlesea contributes \$1,450,000

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



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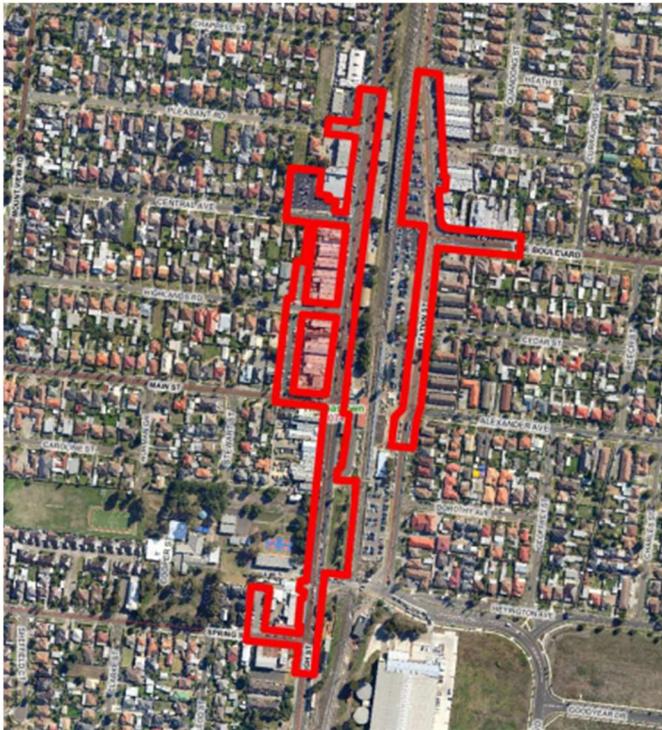


Figure 1: Thomastown High Street Shopping strip

Whittlesea City Council will receive a total of \$5,062,000 for four projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018-19 Round.

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

- Norris Bank Reserve Redevelopment (\$500,000)
- Whittlesea Swim Centre Refurbishment (\$312,000)
- Harvest Home Road Community Pavilion (\$2,800,000)



Figure 2: Preliminary designs – Public Realm A



Figure 3: Preliminary designs – Public Realm D

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at [localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf](http://localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf)

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



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