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 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.

**GREENVALE RECREATION RESERVE PLAYSPACE**

Section Road, Greenvale 3059

**Background:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Hume City Council to provide a new community playspace for all ages and abilities including complimentary seating, shade and a picnic area at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve.

The existing playground is next to tennis courts, located at one end of the reserve and is small in terms of the amount of children that are currently using it. A larger, more active and accessible play facility in a central location will provide a more accessible and visible play area in the reserve.

Greenvale Recreation Reserve is one of the largest and most diverse recreation open space areas in Hume. The reserve includes a range of sporting facilities including three sports ovals, five cricket practice nets, a turf practice wicket area, nine tennis courts, three equestrian sand arenas and an equestrian cross-country course. Other facilities at the reserve include a community hall and two pavilions. A fenced conservation reserve and other grassy woodland areas make up the balance of the reserve and the available open space areas.

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1 Victoria in the Future, 2019
GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2019-20

**Expected date of commencement:** September 2020
**Expected date of completion:** September 2021

**Total Project Cost:** $850,000
**Growing Suburbs Fund:** $500,000
**Council contribution:** $300,000

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

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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Figure 1: Greenvale Recreation Reserve (Hume City Council)

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

- Goonawarra Neighbourhood House Redevelopment ($228,600)
- Cloverton Recreation Reserve Pavilion ($1,495,000)
- Gladstone Park Pavilion Redevelopment ($750,000)
- Kalkallo North Community Centre ($2,000,000)

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