# **GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2017-18**

City of Melton

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 Melton is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is considered one of the fastest growing interface councils. In 2017, the City of Melton had a growth rate of 5 per cent compared with the national average growth of 1.6 per cent. It is anticipated that Melton's population will more than double between 2017 and 2041<sup>1</sup>. Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

## HANNAH WATTS PARK UPGRADE

183-225 High Street, Melton VIC 3337

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help the City of Melton redevelop Hannah Watts Park in the heart of Melton. Hannah Watts Park is 17ha of open space surrounded by interrelated precincts. This project is addressing a significant gap in community infrastructure by providing strong and safe linkages within the park and to the Melton Town Centre.

Stage 1 of the Hannah Watts Park Upgrade will include:

- A new public toilet
- Play equipment
- Sensory and a nature playspace
- Drinking fountains
- Barbeques, picnic tables and benches
- · Granitic paths
- Shade structures
- Tree plantings.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2014 <a href="http://profile.id.com.au/melton">http://profile.id.com.au/melton</a>

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**Expected completion: July 2019** 

Total Project Cost: \$1,390,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund: \$600,000** 

Other Contribution:

• City of Melton \$790,000

Other project in the City of Melton to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:

- Aintree Community Hub (\$1,000,000)
- Allenby Road Reserve Upgrade (\$300,000)
- **Arnolds Creek Playspace (\$300,000)**
- Bill Cahill Reserve Upgrade (\$300,000)
- Fraser Rise Community Hub (\$1,600,000)
- MacPherson Park Redevelopment (\$2,000,000)
- Melton Central Community Centre **Redevelopment (\$2,000,000)**

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

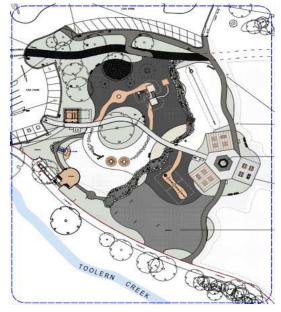


Figure 1: Hannah Watts Park Upgrade - Site Plan

(Source: City of Melton)

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

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