

Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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 and peri-urban communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



Whittlesea City Council

Whittlesea City Council 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.

Whittlesea City Council is home to an ethnically-diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2018, the population of Whittlesea City Council grew 3.5 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population is projected to grow by 63.2 percent from around 223,300 in 2018, to about 364,500 in 2036.¹

Mill Park Library Public Surrounds Upgrade

394 Plenty Rd, Mill Park 3082

The Growing Suburbs Fund is partnering with the Whittlesea City Council to deliver a range of improvements to the Mill Park Library including:

- an outdoor learning area with sheltered seating
- landscaping
- food garden beds and a 'nature play' area;
- activation of the foyer as a social gathering space with seating, planting and lighting
- public realm improvements surrounding library including landscaping, shelter, lighting and paths.

The project is designed to extend the library services into the outdoor areas, expand learning activities to include the health and wellbeing benefits of nature and growing food and expand the scope, range and quality of services provided to the community.

Expected date of commencement:

October 2020

Expected date of completion: September 2021

Total Project Cost: \$900,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$450,000

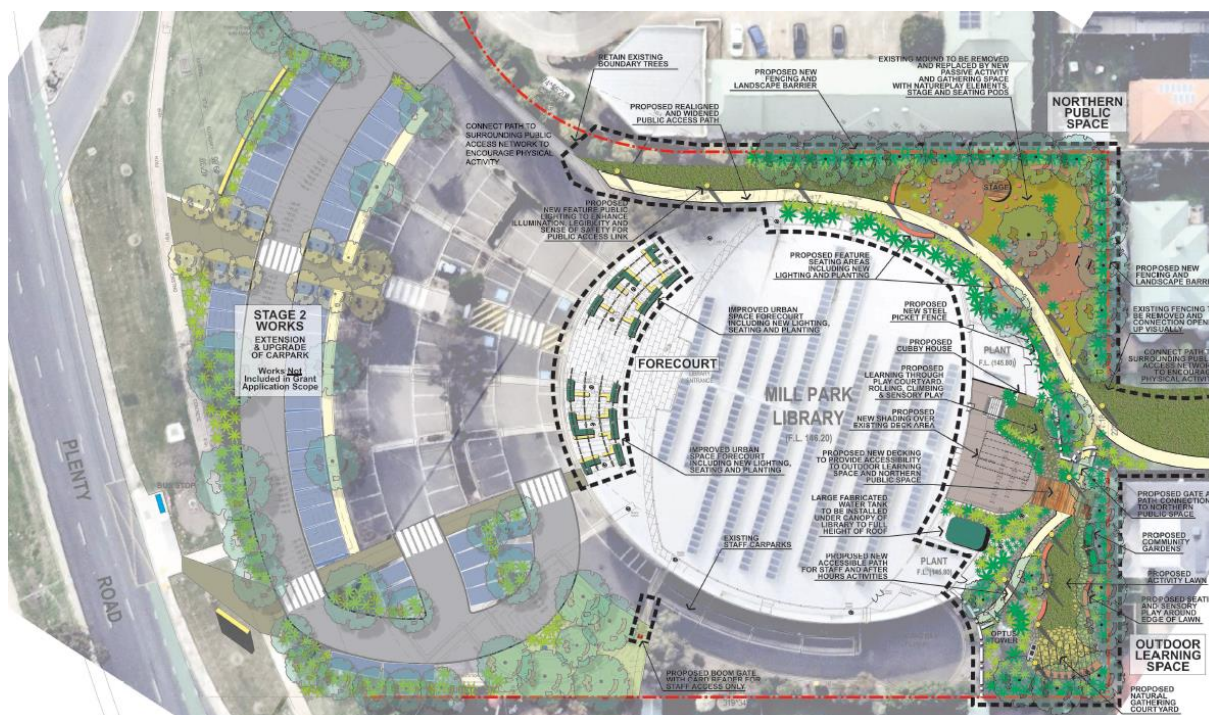
Other contributions:

- Whittlesea City Council \$450,000

¹ Victoria in Future, 2019

The other project in Whittlesea City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 is:

- Rochdale Square Neighbourhood Centre Revitalisation (\$362,500)
- Mernda Social Support Services Facility (\$1,240,000)
- Carrington Children’s Centre outdoor learning and playspace (\$150,000)
- Community Energy Efficiency Program (\$250,000)



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