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.

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 3.9 per cent - outstripping the national average growth rate of 1.6 per cent. The resident population in Hume City Council is estimated at 215,930 (2017) and is forecasted to grow by 36 per cent, to about 294,000 by 2031\(^1\).


**MCMAHON RECREATION RESERVE DEVELOPMENT**

155 Lancefield Road, Sunbury VIC 3429

**Project Description:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help the Hume City Council improve the sporting grounds at McMahon Recreation Reserve, Sunbury. This is one of four district-level reserves that serves a cluster of six rapidly-growing suburbs in Hume.

The development of the McMahon Recreation Reserve will include:

- An additional new Pavilion
- A new oval
- Playground
- Netball court
- Fitness stations
- Accessible pathways and landscaping.
Expected completion: December 2019

Total Project Cost: $4,220,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: $2,060,000

Other Contribution:
- Hume City Council $2,060,000
- Sports and Recreation Victoria Country Football and Netball Program $100,000

Other project in Hume City Council to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:
- Arena Pavilion ($2,015,000)

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

Figure 1: McMahon Sports Pavilion - Concept Design
(Source: Hume City Council)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

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