The Mornington Peninsula Shire is situated on a promontory located more than 40 km to the south east of Melbourne, with more than 190 km of coastal boundaries. It is characterised by a mix of urban areas, resort towns, tourist developments and rural land. The Peninsula is one of the major holiday and retirement destinations for Melbournians. The northern areas of the Shire have experienced significant residential development with improved road access in recent years. In 2017, the Shire had an annual population growth rate of 1.4 per cent and its population is forecasted to grow from about 163,200 in 2017 to 182,000, representing an 11 per increase by 2031.1

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.

HASTINGS SENIORS LEARNING HUB
16 Herring Street, Hastings

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to deliver the Hastings Seniors Learning Hub project. This project is the upgrade and expansion of an existing facility that will provide a multi-use space accommodating adult education, learning programs, recreation and social activities, and general community-use spaces.

The Hastings Seniors Learning Hub will include:
• New floor finishes throughout (except existing store room)
• Existing kitchen refurbishment and upgrade
• New all abilities accessible amenities
• Existing male and female amenities to be refurbished and upgraded
• Installation of outdoor charging stations for scooters
• Building extension to house new open plan office, waiting area and reception with desk spaces, new all-access entry, new computer room, new first aid room and new external storage
• External façade improvements
• Cosmetic work to the existing hall, ceiling, lighting and blinds.

**Expected date of commencement:** September 2019  
**Expected date of completion:** July 2020

**Total Project Cost:** $1,092,000  
**Growing Suburbs Fund:** $546,000  
**Other contributions:** Mornington Peninsula Shire Council contributes $546,000

**Other projects in Mornington Peninsula Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:**
- Mornington Community Hub Relocation and Upgrade ($2,050,000)  
- Sports Growth Lighting Package ($1,052,250)

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council will receive a total of $3,648,250 for three projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018/19 Round.

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

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