The City of Whittlesea 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.

The City of Whittlesea is home to an ethnically-diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2017, the City of Whittlesea had an annual population growth rate of 4.1 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The current population is expected to grow from around 216,500 in 2017, by 45 per cent to about 383,000 in 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.

WHITTLESEA SWIM CENTRE
50 Walnut Street, Whittlesea 3076

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will enable the City of Whittlesea to refurbish and update the Whittlesea Swim Centre. The project involves upgrading the existing ageing aquatic infrastructure and improving the facility to meet the current community needs. The improvements will improve safety, enable access for people of all abilities, meet industry standards, and enhance participants’ health and wellbeing.

Works will include the upgrade of one of the existing all abilities accessible change rooms to a Changing Places standard change room, new synthetic turf, shade sail structures, the installation of a solar PV supplementary power system for the centre and a new storage shed.

Expected date of commencement: February 2019
Expected date of completion: February 2020

Total Project Cost: $1,163,042
Growing Suburbs Fund: $312,000
Other contributions:
- City of Whittlesea contributes $601,042
- Sport and Recreation Victoria (Community Sports Infrastructure Fund) $250,000

\(^1\) Victoria in the Future, 2016 http://profile.id.com.au/whittlesea
Other projects in the City of Whittlesea to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Harvest Home Road Community Pavilion ($2,800,000)
- Norris Bank Reserve Redevelopment ($500,000)
- Whittlesea Swim Centre Refurbishment ($312,000)

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

Whittlesea City Council will receive a total of $5,062,000 for four projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018-19 Round.

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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