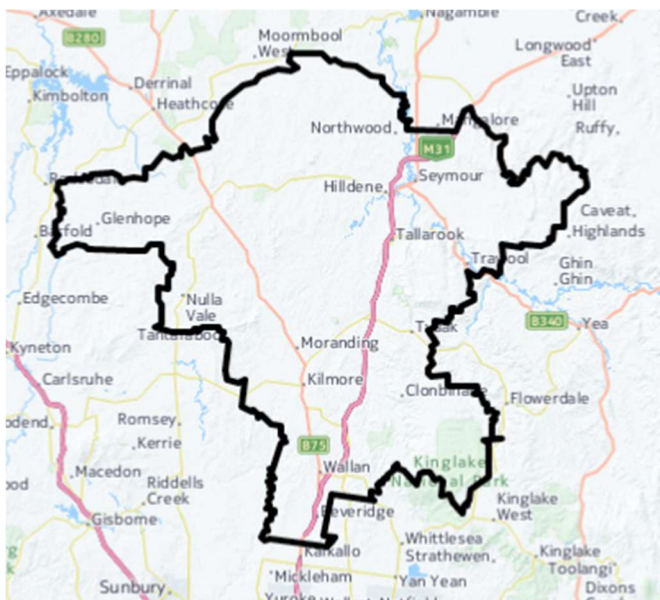


The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



Mitchell Shire Council is located approximately 60 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District and is bounded by Hume and Whittlesea councils to the south.

The southern tip has experienced significant residential growth in recent years due to affordable new housing and infrastructure to support an easy commute to Melbourne. Most of the shire consists of rural land. The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,864 square km with an estimated population of approximately 43,000 in 2017, which is expected to grow to about 82,000 by 2031¹.

WALLAN PLAYSPACE & HALF COURT

Danaher Reserve and Botanical Avenue Reserve, Wallan 3756

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Mitchell Shire Council bring forward the delivery of priority play and social gathering spaces and associated infrastructure at two targeted reserves located in high density development areas in Wallan. The upgrade works at Danaher Reserve and Botanical Avenue Reserve, will address key gaps in park infrastructure for youth and cater for an increasingly diverse and isolated communities in Wallan.

Upgrade works at Danaher Reserve will deliver the following:

- New half-court basketball/hard court area
- Sitting and picnic amenities
- Upgrade play space equipment and nature base play opportunities
- Pathway improvements
- Landscape works, plantings and shade trees

Upgrade works at Botanical Avenue Reserve will deliver the following:

- New half-court basketball/hard court area
- Sitting and picnic amenities
- Pathway improvements
- Landscape works, planting and shade trees.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/mitchell>

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

Expected date of commencement: August 2019

Expected date of completion: February 2020

Total Project Cost: \$270,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$175,000

Other contributions:

- Mitchell Shire Council \$95,000

Other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Wallan East Relocatable Early Learning Centre Project (\$2,170,032)
- Activating Ryan's Creek Reserve (\$1,000,000)
- Kilmore Creek Pedestrian Bridge (\$745,000)
- Wallan Youth Services Hub (\$645,789)
- Centenary Drive Kilmore Play Space Upgrade (\$95,000)
- Outdoor Exercise Equipment (\$142,301)

Mitchell Shire Council received a total of \$4.97 million for seven projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018 – 2019.



Figure 1 – Danaher Reserve - Project location



Figure 2 – Botanical Avenue – Project location

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

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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