Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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.



Casey City Council is located in Melbourne's southeastern suburbs, between 28 and 60 km from the Melbourne Central Business District. It is one of the fastest growing interface councils.

Casey City Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 3% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 364,600 in 2020 to about 522,251 or 43.2% per cent by 2036.²

Victoria's population has witnessed a considerable slow-down in growth due to COVID and a pause in overseas migration. This is mostly felt in the inner/middle suburbs of Melbourne but is still evident in outer suburbs.

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth March 2022

Tooradin Public Hall Upgrade

11 Tooradin Station Road, Tooradin 3980

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Casey City Council to deliver an upgraded and fully accessible facility that addresses the changing needs and demands for quality local spaces within the Tooradin community. This project will provide a functional and fit for purpose multi use space, which can service current and future participation for community to meet, learn, play, socialise, connect, and express their culture.

The project scope will include:

- A renewal of the existing amenities inclusive of community rooms, public amenities, floor surfaces, and kitchen facility
- DDA compliant entrances, outdoor meeting areas and waiting spaces to address the current accessibility issues
- Removal of asbestos in ceiling, external cladding, and eaves
- Improvement of storage capacity for new and existing community groups
- Improvements to the external façade, inclusive of repainting and landscaping works including to the outdoor community spaces
- Additional access ramp, covered BBQ area and LED lighting
- Fittings, furnishings, and equipment as required.

Expected date of commencement: March 2022 Expected date of completion: September 2022

Total Project Cost: \$700,000 Growing Suburbs Fund: \$350,000 Other contributions:

• Casey City Council: \$350,000



² Victoria in Future, 2019

The other projects in the City of Casey to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22 are:

- Gwendoline Children's Centre Upgrade (\$926,000)
- Ray Bastin Reserve Redevelopment Project (\$1,600,000)
- Myuna Farm Pavilion Improvements that support People living with Disabilities (\$351,105)



Figure 1: Tooradin Public Hall

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at

https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at <u>gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au</u>

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