

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.

Melton City Council



Melton City Council is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is one of the fastest growing interface councils. Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

Melton City Council recorded a growth rate of 4.6% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 172,500 in 2020 to about 332,051 or 92.5% 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

² Victoria in Future, 2019

Bridge Road Recreation Reserve Stage 2

132 Bridge Road, Cobblebank 3338

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Melton City Council to create an accessible and connected recreation reserve for the Melton community.

The delivery of Bridge Road Recreation Reserve Stage 2 will complete the community hub located within the Toolern precinct and will provide a safe and connected shared path network for users.

The project scope will include:

- A shared path network throughout the site and surrounding locations
- Car parking
- Landscaping
- Public amenity infrastructure.

Expected date of commencement: June 2023

Expected date of completion: December 2023

Total Project Cost: \$7,550,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$800,000

Other contributions:

- Melton City Council \$6,750,000

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

- The Parkway Reserve Upgrade (\$650,000)
- Cobblebank Community Services Hub (\$4,000,000)
- Navan Park Upgrade (\$560,297)
- Earlington Square Reserve Upgrade (\$450,000)



Figure 1: Masterplan

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 gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au

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