

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.



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 2031¹.

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

REGIONAL ALL ABILITIES PLAYSPACE

54-76 Main Street, Thomastown VIC 3074

Project Description: Funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund will help the City of Whittlesea construct an all-abilities playspace in Mill Park Recreation Reserve which will enable the whole community to play, connect and socialise. It will cater for all ages, with a broad range of play options including physical, social, creative and cognitive.

This Regional All Abilities Playspace will deliver:

- All-abilities play equipment for abilities and ages (from 0 – 18 years)
- Shaded play structures with different levels and challenges
- A large picnic shelter with BBQ
- Artistic features and creative areas for play and discovery

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



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- An open space area for events and kick-about games and sports
- A natural elements playspace
- A liberty swing area
- A basketball/netball court
- Walking links and loops for children's riding and skating
- Accessible toilets with a Changing Places facility
- Lighting and video security
- Accessible car parking and bus drop-off space
- Drinking fountains and other public furniture
- Fencing and Landscaping.

Expected completion: May 2019

Total Project Cost: \$4,000,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,000,000

Other Contribution

- **City of Whittlesea \$3,000,000**

Other projects in the City of Whittlesea to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:

- **Mill Park Leisure Centre Redevelopment (\$2,000,000)**
- **Thomastown Main Street Community Pavilion Redevelopment (\$2,000,000)**

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



Figure 1: Mill Park Stables in the Regional All Abilities Playspace

(Source: City of Whittlesea)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

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

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