Hume City Council is a growing, urban fringe municipality about 20 km from the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are well-established urban areas while the north remains rural in character. It has a young population, with 31 per cent of residents under 18 years of age.

Hume City Council is experiencing significant growth at a rate of 3.9 per cent - outstripping the national average growth rate of 1.6 per cent. The resident population in Hume City Council is estimated at 215,930 (2017) and is forecasted to grow by 36 per cent, to about 294,000 by 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.

Hume Tennis and Community Centre Playspace Upgrade is a $935,000 partnership project between the Victorian Government and Hume City Council. The 2018-19 Growing Suburbs Fund will contribute $450,000 and Hume City Councils will provide $485,000 towards this development.

The Growing Suburbs Fund helps Hume City Council response to the needs of this growing community by bringing forward this development near Aitken and Highland Estates. This new playspace is situated next door to Aitken Creek Primary School and Hume Tennis Centre.

This project will incorporate a new innovative playspace that will provide a diversity of components to engage all abilities and ages to experience active, sensory and imaginative play. When completed, families and children would have the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities before and after school. This project will also include a picnic shelter and barbeque facilities that will support family and group social gatherings as well as provide access to amenities and café facilities in the Tennis Centre which is open 7 days per week.

Expected date of commencement: July 2019  
Expected date of completion: June 2020  

Total Project Cost: $935,000  
Growing Suburbs Fund: $450,000  
Other contributions: Hume City Council contributes $485,000

Other projects in Hume City Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Bulla Village Tennis Club Community Pavilion ($300,000)
- Galaxyland Playspace Redevelopment ($500,000)
- Cloverton South Community Hub ($2,656,891)
- Craigieburn Softball Centre ($1,500,000)
- Connecting Sunbury Town Centre ($375,000)

Hume City Council will receive a total of $5,781,891 for six projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018/19 Round.

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

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