

Growing Suburbs Fund

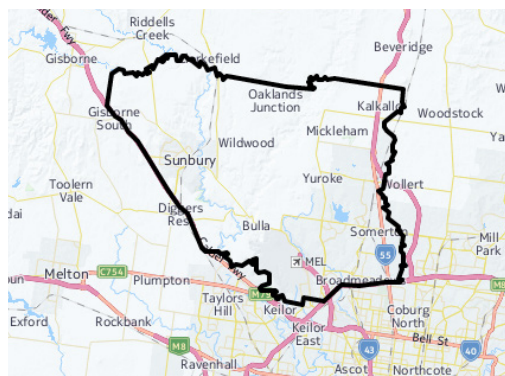
The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering of new local infrastructure. The initial \$50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families by meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs.



John Ilhan Memorial Reserve Stage 2

Barry Road, Westmeadows

HUME CITY COUNCIL



CITY OF HUME

The City of Hume is a growing municipality about 20 kms from Melbourne's central business district. The southern parts of the city are well-established urban areas while the north remains rural in character. Population in Hume is expected to grow by almost 100,000 between 2016 and 2031.

Hume has a high level of cultural diversity with nearly 30% born in a non-English speaking country and more than 40% speaking a language other than English at home¹.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2014 <http://profile.id.com.au/hume>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Westmeadows is an established and multicultural community in Melbourne's north. Soccer is very popular in the Hume municipality and the John Ilhan Memorial Reserve is a well-used recreational space.

The John Ilhan Memorial Reserve Stage 2 development will address the lack of community meeting spaces in the area that facilitate social inclusion. It will also address service capacity issues inhibiting the ability of sporting tenant clubs to grow.

Funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund will be used to extend and renovate the existing pavilion providing better facilities for little athletics activities and community use. Also included will be improved landscaping, lighting and car parking.

Transformation of the Reserve will increase community usage, improve health, wellbeing and social opportunities for locals, all close to home.

Expected completion: early 2017

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$500,000

Other Contributions: \$1.9 million

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