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.

In 2018, Melton City Council had a growth rate of 5.4 per cent compared with the national average growth of 1.6 per cent. It is anticipated that Melton’s population will more than double between 2018 and 2036.¹

Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

**MT ATKINSON CHILDREN’S AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Clara Avenue, Truganina 3029

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Melton City Council in the early deliver of a Children’s and Community Centre as part of the larger Mt Atkinson East Community Hub estate in Truganina. The facility will provide flexible community space for a range of programs and services for the growing community of Truganina.

This project will include:

- Four kindergarten rooms
- Two community meeting rooms and a community kitchen
- Two MCH consulting suites
- Staff office
- Storage and amenities
- Car parking spaces and landscape works

Expected date of commencement: January 2022
Expected date of completion: November 2022

Total Project Cost: $8,460,900
Growing Suburbs Fund: $800,000
Other contributions:

- Melton City Council $3,590,720
- Developer Contributions $4,070,180

The other projects in Melton City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2 are:

- Banchory Green Reserve Upgrade ($352,000)
- Mt Atkinson Active Open Space Precinct ($2,580,000)

¹ Victoria in Future, 2019

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

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