

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

Cobblebank Community Services Hub

206 Ferris Road, Cobblebank 3338

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Melton City Council to build an innovative community services hub for the Melton community.

The Cobblebank Community Services Hub project will deliver a 3-storey facility providing collaboration between new and existing community services in one accessible location within the Metropolitan Activity Centre.

The project scope will include:

- Commercial leasing spaces specifically targeted to Allied Health Services and education providers
- Community service, social enterprise, and not-for-profit operating spaces to provide holistic help and wellbeing services to the community
- A café, retail, and commercial spaces on the ground floor of the facility
- Carparking, landscaping and public amenities.

Expected date of commencement: June 2023

Expected date of completion: April 2025

Total Project Cost: \$16,910,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$4,000,000

Other contributions:

- Melton City Council \$12,910,000

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

- Earlington Square Reserve Upgrade (\$450,000)
- Navan Park Upgrade (\$560,297)

