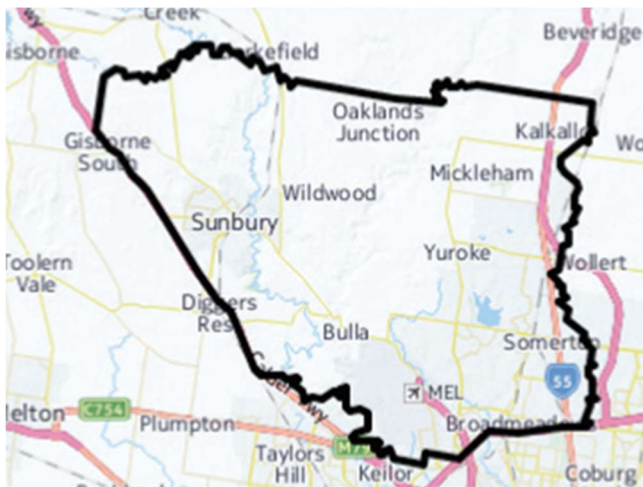


Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

The Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) is a \$425M contribution to support the delivery of high priority community infrastructure projects for Victoria’s diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. Designed to support the existing and future local infrastructure needs of Melbourne’s interface and peri-urban communities, the GSF brings forward local infrastructure projects that are essential to the liveability of outer suburban families.

Hume City Council



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 part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 4.1% in 2019-20¹. The population is projected to grow from 241,188 in 2020 to about 343,989 or 42.6% per cent by 2036².

Victoria’s population growth slowed during the pandemic period with the impact over this time mainly felt in the inner and middle suburbs of Melbourne; regional areas were less affected due to increased migration from Melbourne. Based on the latest available data, areas across Victoria are now expected to return to normal rates and patterns.

Grand Boulevard Reserve – Active Open Space Development

525 Grand Boulevard, Craigieburn 3064

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Hume City Council to deliver a quality active open space reserve providing opportunity for community to engage in recreational, passive, and active physical activity.

The scope of the project includes:

- A new, 5-hectare active open space reserve
- Irrigated kickabout Lawn
- Landscaping
- Community picnic area inclusive of BBQ's, drinking fountains, shelters, tables, and seating,
- A nature, junior and senior play space area
- Accessible public amenities
- Multipurpose sports courts
- BMX pump track

Expected date of commencement: March 2023

Expected date of completion: August 2024

Total Project Cost: \$6,814,040

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,000,000

Other contributions:

- Hume City Council \$4,814,040

The other project in Hume City Council to receive funding from the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund is:

- Craigieburn Community Centre (3,244,412)

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 Site Plan

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund>.

For more information about the Growing Suburbs Fund, you can contact the team at gfs@ecodev.vic.gov.au. Authorised by The Hon. Melissa Horne MP, Minister for Local Government

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