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.

Wyndham City Council is located on the western edge of Melbourne with Werribee at its commercial heart. It was one the fastest growing interface councils in 2017 in Melbourne, with a population growth rate of 6.1 per cent\(^1\) compared with the national growth average of 1.6 per cent. The population is expected to rise by 50 per cent, in excess of 360,000, by 2031\(^2\).

Wyndham City Council features major tourism attractions including the Werribee Park and Mansion, Werribee Open Range Zoo, State Rose Garden and RAAF Museum. The council area has a residential and rural zone, with substantial industrial, technological and commercial areas. Rural land is used mainly for commercial vegetable growing and grazing.

**SALTWATER OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE**

179 Saltwater Promenade, Point Cook VIC 3030

**Project Description:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Wyndham City Council deliver a much-needed youth space that allows for all-abilities access and inclusion, at the Saltwater Community Centre in Point Cook.

The Saltwater Outdoor Youth Space will link into the Saltwater Community Centre. This civic youth space will be innovative and designed to inspire physical and social activity among Point Cook’s 12-17-year-old population.

The new space will include:

- A new entry to the community centre
- ‘Safe’ space to gather for events and performances
- Study space
- Enterprise development.

\(^1\) Australian Bureau of Statistics 2017
Expected completion: October 2019
Total Project Cost: $624,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: $200,000
Other Contribution:
- Wyndham City Council $424,000

Other projects in Wyndham City Council to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:
- Tarneit Community Learning Centre Transformation ($1,085,850)
- Truganina East Integrated Family Learning Centre ($1,215,000)
- Williams Landing Reserve Integrated Sports & Community Hub ($1,905,000)

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.

Figure 1: Concept Design of the Saltwater Outdoor Youth Centre
(Source: Wyndham City Council)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

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