

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.



The City of Whittlesea is located about 20 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are established urban areas and current residential developments are extending towards the north of the municipality.

The City of Whittlesea is home to an ethnically-diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2017, the City

of Whittlesea had an annual population growth rate of 4.1 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The current population is expected to grow from around 216,500 in 2017, by 45 per cent to about 383,000 in 2031<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/whittlesea>

## THOMASTOWN MAIN STREET COMMUNITY PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT

54 – 76 Main Street, Thomastown VIC 3074

**Project Description:** Funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund will help the City of Whittlesea construct a new multi-faceted community pavilion in Thomastown. The new facility will provide additional club space and offer greater opportunities for the local community to participate in sport, recreation as well as encourage female participation in sport.

The redevelopment of the Thomastown Main Street Community Pavilion will include:

- A new foyer
- Sports administration office and first aid room
- Multipurpose community social room



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- Canteen/kitchen
- Two home and two visitor unisex changerooms
- Two unisex umpire changerooms
- Club gym
- Public toilets
- An undercover viewing area
- Two internally and two externally accessible storage spaces.

**Expected completion: Late 2019**

**Total Project Cost: \$5,000,000**

**Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,000,000**

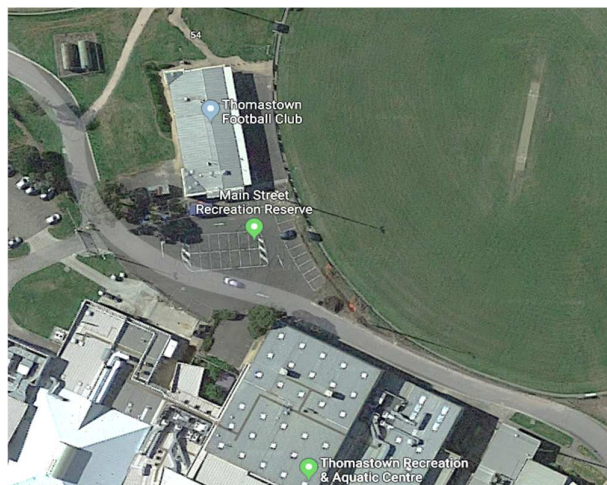
**Other Contribution:**

- **City of Whittlesea \$3,000,000**

**Other projects in the City of Whittlesea to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:**

- **Mill Park Leisure Centre Redevelopment (\$2,000,000)**
- **Regional all Abilities Play space (\$1,000,000)**

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



**Figure 1: Aerial view of the existing pavilion at the Thomastown Recreation Reserve.**

(source: <https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Thomastown+Library+Service/@-37.6780716,145.0056936,232m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x6ad64f753e97ceff:0x514898dc9a72d7ae!8m2!3d-37.6790871!4d145.0067993>)

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For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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