Mitchell Shire Council is located approximately 60 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District and is bounded by Hume and Whittlesea councils to the south. The southern tip has experienced significant residential growth in recent years due to affordable new housing and infrastructure to support an easy commute to Melbourne. Most of the shire consists of rural land. The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,864 square km with an estimated population of approximately 43,000 in 2017, which is expected to grow to about 82,000 by 2031.

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

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.

WALLAN YOUTH SERVICES HUB

119 Wellington Street, Wallan 3756

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Mitchell Shire Council renew and upgrade Centenary Drive Reserve to support the social and recreational needs of Kilmore’s expanding east. Renewal and upgrade of the play space and shade sail, drainage works, plantings and pathway improvements will enhance the accessibility and play opportunities and address a key gap in Kilmore’s park infrastructure.

The renewal and upgrade work at Centenary Drive Reserve will deliver the following:

- New half-court basketball/hard court area
- Sitting and picnic amenities
- Upgrade play space equipment and nature base play opportunities
- Drainage improvements
- Pathway improvements
- Landscape works, plantings and shade trees.

**GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19**

**Expected date of commencement:** February 2019  
**Expected date of completion:** June 2019  
**Total Project Cost:** $190,000  
**Growing Suburbs Fund:** $95,000  
**Other contributions:**  
- Mitchell Shire Council $95,000

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

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf  
For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.  
Email: gsf@delwp.vic.gov.au or phone: 9948 8536

**Figure 1 – Project location**

Other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Wallan Youth Services Hub ($645,789)  
- Wallan East Relocatable Early Learning Centre Project ($2,170,032)  
- Activating Ryan's Creek Reserve ($1,000,000)  
- Kilmore Creek Pedestrian Bridge ($745,000)  
- Wallan Play Space Upgrades and Half Court Provisions ($175,000)  
- Outdoor Exercise Equipment ($142,301)

Mitchell Shire Council received a total of $4.97 million for seven projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018 – 2019.