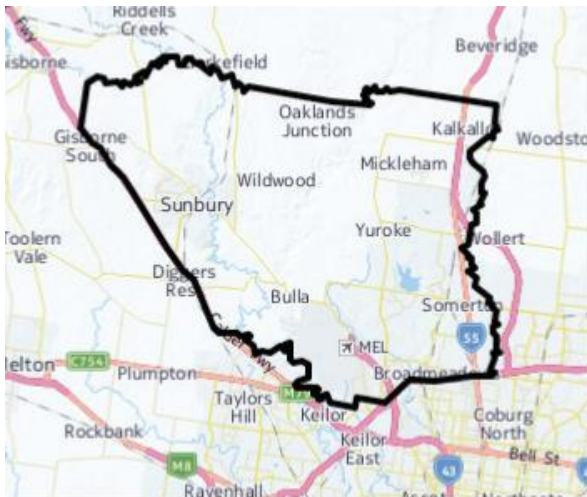


# Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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.



## 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 experiencing significant growth at a rate of 4.3 per cent in 2018 - outstripping the national average growth rate of 1.6 per cent. The resident population in Hume City Council estimated at 224,400 in June 2018 is projected to grow by 53 per cent, to about 344,000 by 2036.<sup>1</sup>

## Coopers Hill Drive Reserve Park Upgrade Coopers Hill Drive Westmeadows, 3049

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Hume City Council to replace the existing playground including senior and junior combination units, swings, rockers, and logs and rock steppers. The project also includes an upgrade to surrounding landscape, including path, fencing, drinking fountain, shelter, seats, rubbish bin, picnic tables, garden beds and trees.

The completed detailed design will include a locally manufactured play space, sustainably sourced timber logs and large rocks to contribute to natural play elements, locally supplied soft-fall mulch. Additional tree planting will contribute to increasing shade over the play space, reducing the urban heat island effect, and providing a cooler, more comfortable environment for park users.

The location of the play space within the park meets design principles, offering passive surveillance from adjacent residential housing, and from the shared Moonee Ponds Creek trail which passes the site.

### **Expected date of commencement:**

September 2020

**Expected date of completion:** January 2021

**Total Project Cost:** \$285,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$142,500

### **Other contributions:**

- Hume City Council \$142,500

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2019

**The other projects in the City of Hume to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 are:**

- DS Aitken Reserve Skate Park Upgrade (\$210,000)
- Melba Avenue Streetscape Upgrade (\$105,500)
- Kirwan Park Upgrade (\$117,500)



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