

Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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.

Melton City Council



Melton City Council is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is one of the fastest growing interface councils. Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

Melton City Council recorded a growth rate of 4.6% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 172,500 in 2020 to about 332,051 or 92.5% per cent by 2036.²

Victoria's population has witnessed a considerable slow-down in growth due to COVID and a pause in overseas migration. This is mostly felt in the inner/middle suburbs of Melbourne but is still evident in outer suburbs.

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019

Earlington Square Reserve Upgrade

29a Mockridge Avenue, Burnside 3023

The Growing Suburbs Fund will support Melton City Council to transform Earlington Square Reserve into a space that better meets the current and future needs of the community.

The Earlington Square Reserve Upgrade will deliver an enhanced open space with a focus on inclusion, accessibility, and gender equity.

The project scope will include:

- An upgraded shared path network and additional activity areas
- Reconditioning the existing basketball court (council contribution)
- Increasing the tree canopy and plant species with the inclusion of nature play elements
- Improvements to the grass surfaces, picnic facilities and play spaces
- Additional safety measures through a vehicle exclusion barrier.

Expected date of commencement: June 2023

Expected date of completion: December 2023

Total Project Cost: \$900,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$450,000

Other contributions:

- Melton City Council \$450,000

The other projects in Melton City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22 are:

- The Parkway Reserve Upgrade (\$650,000)
- Cobblebank Community Services Hub (\$4,000,000)
- Navan Park Upgrade (\$560,297)
- Bridge Road Recreations Reserve Stage 2 (\$800,000)

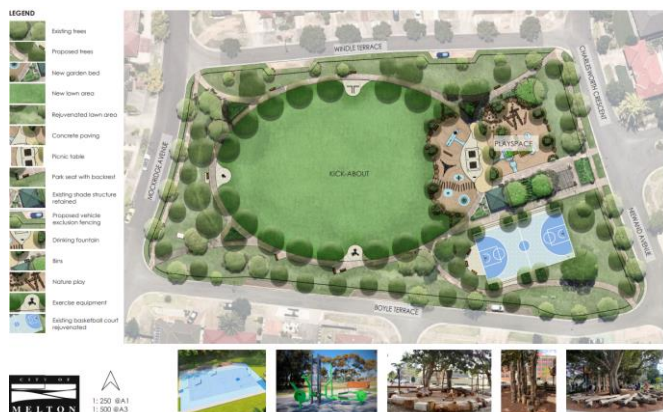


Figure 1: Concept design

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

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au

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