

# GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2017-18

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.



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<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2017 <http://profile.id.com.au/mitchell>

## CONNECTING WALLAN NEIGHBOURHOODS – CONNECTING NEIGHBOURHOODS AND FAMILIES

**Coffey Drive Reserve, Wallan; Lisa Place Reserve and Roulston Way Reserve, Wallan VIC 3756**

**Project Description:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Mitchell Shire Council deliver a new playspace at Coffey Drive Reserve. The Council will also deliver the renewal and upgrade of existing play spaces and associated amenities at Lisa Place and Roulston Way Reserves. This project will facilitate longer stay opportunities and increase social interactions within their surrounding communities.

Works at the Coffey Drive Reserve will include:

- Provision of a playspace for younger and older children
- Seating



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- Shade plantings
- Landscaping
- A hard surface for bikes and scooters
- Grassed runabout space
- Nature-based play opportunities.

Works at Lisa Place Reserve will include:

- Seating
- Landscaping
- Access improvements
- Shade trees.

Works at Roulston Way Reserve will include:

- Seating
- Landscaping
- Access improvements
- Shade trees
- Upgrades to the half-court basketball area.

**Expected completion: March 2019**

**Total Project Cost: \$300,000**

**Growing Suburbs Fund: \$225,000**

**Other Contribution:**

- **Mitchell Shire Council \$75,000**

**Other projects in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:**

- **Connecting Wallan Neighbourhoods – Wallan Neighbourhood Off Road Connection (\$670,000)**

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



**Figure 1: Existing facilities at the Roulston Way Reserve**

(Source: Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at [localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf](http://localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf)

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

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