The City of Melton is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is considered one of the fastest growing interface councils. In 2017, the City of Melton had a growth rate of 5 per cent compared with the national average growth of 1.6 per cent. It is anticipated that Melton’s population will more than double between 2017 and 2041.\(^1\) Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

**ARBOUR BOULEVARD RESERVE**

Arbour Boulevard, Burnside Heights 3023

**Background:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Melton City Council to deliver a unique play space that responds to the topography of the reserve to deliver important community open space infrastructure. The delivery of this reserve will provide improved access to play and meeting spaces that will meet social, recreation and play needs of the local Burnside Heights residents.

The upgrade works at Arbour Boulevard Reserve will include:

- A shelter with picnic facilities adjacent to the play space
- Multiple seating points for respite and social interaction
- Pathway improvements
- Creation of a play space with a variety of equipment
- Natural play elements nestled within a forest
- Landscape and planting

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GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

Expected date of commencement: June 2019
Expected date of completion: December 2019

Total Project Cost: $710,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: $355,000
Other contributions: Melton City Council $355,000

Other project in Melton City Council to receive funding from the 2018-19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Eynesbury Recreation Reserve ($2,075,000)
- Caroline Springs Town Centre Sports Precinct Community Pavilion ($1,055,000)
- Morton Homestead Play Space ($265,000)
- Marlo Drive Reserve ($440,000)
- Stan Payne Reserve ($400,000)
- Bloomsbury Drive Reserve ($405,000)

Melton City Council will receive a total of $4,995,000 for seven projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018-19 Round.

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.

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