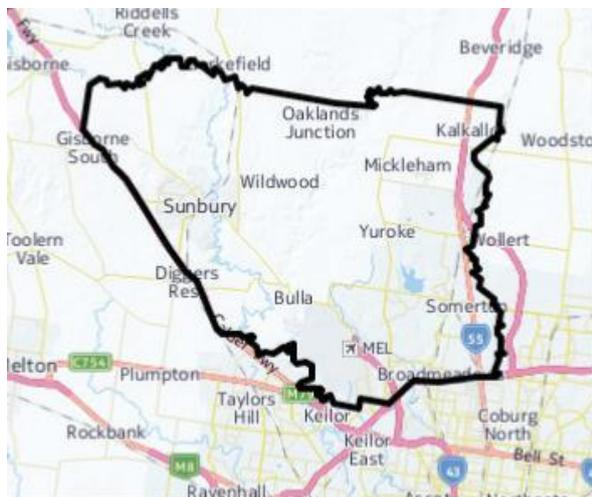


Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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 2036.¹

DS Aitken Reserve Skate Park Upgrade 136-170 Craigieburn Rd, Craigieburn 3064

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Hume City Council to redevelop the DS Aitken Reserve

skatepark to create a more diverse and inclusive skatepark that caters for all skill levels of skate, scooter and BMX riders.

DS Aitken Reserve currently has a football/cricket oval, playground with a shelter and BBQ, pathways, sports pavilion, tennis pavilion and courts, Selwyn House Community Centre and car parking. The existing skatepark infrastructure doesn't provide enough variety to cater for different styles, interests or age ranges to meet district facility criteria. Consequently, participation at the skate park is low and the facility is underutilised.

Upgrading this facility presents an opportunity to re-engage youth not participating in any other community activity or organised sport. Increasing participation at the site will provide opportunities for Council's Youth Services team to re-engage youth who are not currently physically active through programs and services.

Skate, scooter and BMX positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of young people and provides a less formal option for young people to participate in an activity with their peers. Participation in these activities contributes to physical health, mental health, community connectedness and general wellbeing.

Expected date of commencement:

September 2020

Expected date of completion: August 2021

Total Project Cost: \$420,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$210,000

Other contributions:

- Hume City Council \$210,000

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019

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

- Melba Avenue Streetscape Upgrade (\$105,000)
- Coopers Hill Drive Reserve Upgrade (\$142,500)
- Kirwan Park Upgrade (\$117,500)



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