

Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2

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.

Whittlesea City Council



Whittlesea City Council is located about 20 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are established urban areas and current residential developments are extending towards the north of the municipality.

Whittlesea City Council is home to an ethnically diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2018, the population of Whittlesea City Council grew 3.5 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population is projected to grow by 63.2 percent from around 223,300 in 2018, to about 364,500 in 2036¹.

KELYNACK RECREATION RESERVE PLAY SPACE AND MULTI PLAY AREA REDEVELOPMENT

57 Azalea Avenue Mill Park 3082

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Whittlesea City Council to redevelop the Kelynack Recreation Reserve to form a Municipal level play space, picnic area and multi play area creating greater diversity in activities for older children and teens.

The Project will include:

- A municipal play space including rope climbing, embankment slides, combination unit, multiple swings, spinner and a flying fox
- Nature play trail including vertical log edge, stepped rocks, mudstone boulders, timber balance posts, stepped logs, vegetated swale and balancing beams
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- New sheltered picnic areas with accessible picnic setting, accessible BBQ, drink fountain and litter bin
- Multi play area inclusive of a passive recreation area, new multi play hard court area with basketball line marking, netball and basketball ring, ping pong table and seating areas
- Improved accessibility including accessible path networks, signage, feature paving, seating and landscaping

Expected date of commencement: May 2022

Expected date of completion: October 2022

Total Project Cost: \$1,350,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$675,000

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019

Other contributions:

- Whittlesea City Council: \$675,000

The other projects in Whittlesea City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2 are:

- Whittlesea Public Gardens Skate Park and Urban Zone (\$650,000)
- Norris Bank Reserve West Precinct (\$600,000)
- Mernda Adventure Park Public Amenity (\$150,000)
- Redleap Recreation Reserve Upgrade (\$525,000)
- Quarry Hills Regional Park – Connecting Trails (\$322,000)

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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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