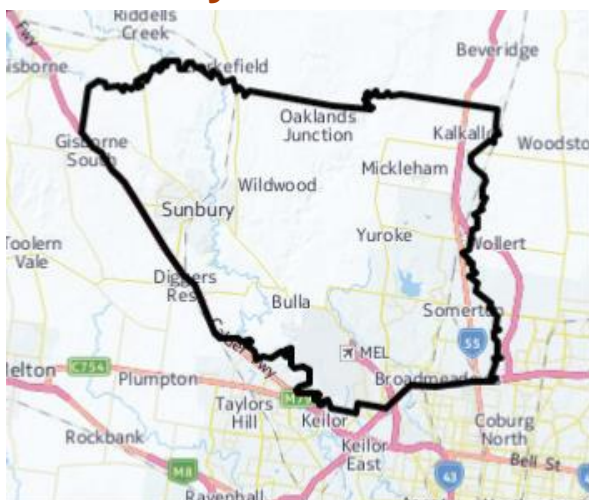


Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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.

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 part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 4.1.% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 241,188 in 2020 to about 343,989 or 42.6% 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

Progress Reserve Redevelopment Stage 1

27-59 Almurta Avenue, Coolaroo

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Hume City Council to redevelop Progress Reserve. Stage 1 will deliver:

- water sensitive urban design garden beds and tree planting
- upgraded playground and scooter track
- double public toilet

This project is the first stage in the redevelopment of Progress Reserve Coolaroo. On completion of Stage 1 park users will benefit from;

- safer night-time walking connections to and from Coolaroo Station
- improved playground facilities
- appealing passive recreation opportunities and
- improved park infrastructure.

Expected date of commencement: April 2022

Expected date of completion: June 2022

Total Project Cost: \$1,500,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$650,000

Other contributions:

- Hume City Council: \$550,000
- Park Revitalisation Grants Program (DEWLP) \$300,000

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

- Sunbury Park Upgrade (\$350,000)
- Westmeadows Shopping Precinct Upgrade (\$189,750)

- Valley Park Community Centre (\$1,000,000)
- Village Green (Rolling Meadows) Playspace Upgrade (\$256,000)
- Forrest Street Playspace Upgrade (\$260,000)



Figure 1 – Concept Design Hansen Partnership

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

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

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