

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.

Melton City Council



Melton City Council is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is one of the fastest growing interface councils. Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

Melton City Council recorded a growth rate of 4.6% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 172,500 in 2020 to about 332,051 or 92.5% 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

Navan Park Upgrade

267-305 Coburns Road, Harkness 3337

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Melton City Council to upgrade a widely used park in Melton.

The Navan Park Upgrade will deliver a district level park to strengthen connections to nature, further promote healthy social and physical outdoor activity, and to provide safe and quality open spaces for the Melton and surrounding communities to enjoy.

The project scope will include:

- A boardwalk with shared path connections to improve the safety, access, and connectivity between the park's key features
- Lighting (funded through the LRCI)
- Landscaping to include rejuvenated grass areas, groundcover plantings, and nature Play elements
- Passive irrigation interventions
- A physical shade structure and the addition of and native shade trees.

Expected date of commencement: June 2023

Expected date of completion: December 2023

Total Project Cost: \$1,620,595

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$560,297

Other contributions:

- Melton City Council \$560,298
- Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program: \$500,000

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

- Earlington Square Reserve Upgrade (\$450,000)
- Cobblebank Community Services Hub (\$4,000,000)
- The Parkway Reserve Upgrade (\$650,000)
- Bridge Road Recreations Reserve Stage 2 (\$800,000)



Figure 1: Location

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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