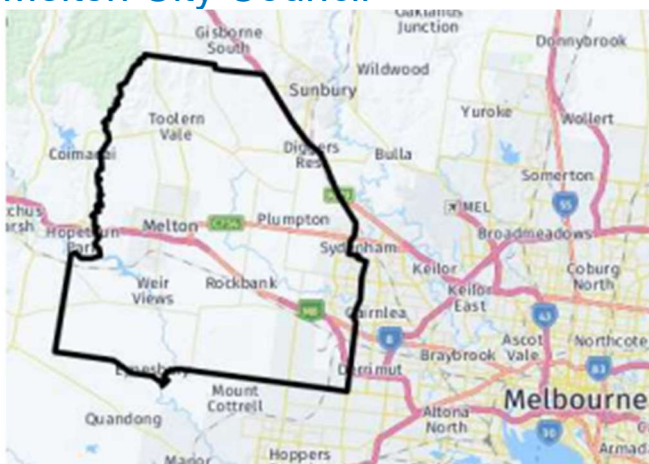


# Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

The Growing Suburb Fund (GSF) is a \$425M contribution to support the delivery of high priority community infrastructure projects for Victoria's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. Designed to support the existing and future local infrastructure needs of Melbourne's interface and peri-urban communities, the GSF brings forward local infrastructure projects that are essential to the liveability 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 under development.

Melton City Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 4.6% in 2019-20<sup>1</sup>. The population is projected to grow from 172,500 in 2020 to about 332,051 or 92.5% per cent by 2036<sup>2</sup>.

Victoria's population growth slowed during the pandemic period with the impact over this time mainly felt in the inner and middle suburbs of Melbourne; regional areas were less affected due to increased migration from Melbourne. Based on the latest available data, areas across Victoria are now expected to return to normal rates and patterns.

## Blackwood Drive Reserve Playspace

47 – 59 Blackwood Drive, Melton South 3338

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Melton City Council to deliver improved functionality of the reserve and playspace for the community to play, socialise and recreate.

### The project scope includes:

- Upgraded play equipment suitable for all ages and abilities
- Improved kick-about spaces
- Upgraded footpath connections
- Provision of picnic and barbecue facilities
- Outdoor exercise equipment pods
- Half courts
- Additional natural canopy for shade

**Expected date of commencement:** April 2024

**Expected date of completion:** October 2024

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,000,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$500,000

### Other Contributions:

- Melton City Council \$500,000

### The other projects in Melton City Council to receive funding from the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Aintree Community Centre (\$1,500,000)
- Barwon Street Reserve Upgrade (\$250,000)
- Hillside Recreation Reserve Park and Play Space Upgrade (\$400,000)
- Plumpton Community Centre and Neighbourhood House (\$1,500,000)
- Weir Views Community Centre (\$1,500,000)

<sup>1</sup> ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

<sup>2</sup> Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 – Site location



Figure 2 - 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 about the Growing Suburbs Fund, please contact [gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au).

Authorised by The Hon. Melissa Horne MP, Minister for Local Government

Department of Government Services  
 © Copyright State of Victoria,  
 Department of Government Services 2023

Except for any logos, emblems, trademarks, artwork and photography this document is made available under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Australia license.

This document is also available in an accessible format at [dgs.vic.gov.au](https://dgs.vic.gov.au)