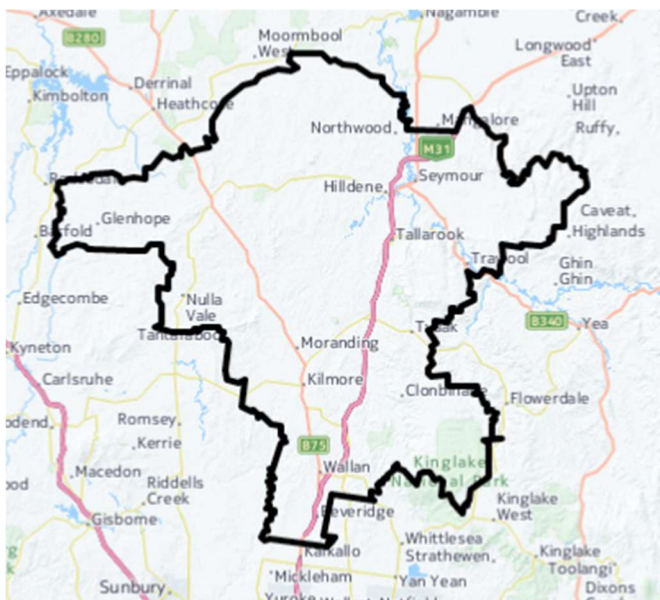


The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



Mitchell Shire Council is located approximately 60 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District and is bounded by Hume and Whittlesea councils to the south.

The southern tip has experienced significant residential growth in recent years due to affordable new housing and infrastructure to support an easy commute to Melbourne. Most of the shire consists of rural land. The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,864 square km with an estimated population of approximately 43,000 in 2017, which is expected to grow to about 82,000 by 2031¹.

OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Hadfield Park, Wallan 3756 and Hudson Park, Kilmore 3764

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Mitchell Shire Council to install accessible all-ability outdoor fitness equipment in Hadfield Park, Wallan and Hudson Park, Kilmore.

This project will promote physical activity and foster positive social connections through the provision of accessible, non-discriminatory safe spaces for all ages and abilities to exercise.

This project includes the provision of five exercise stations at both Hadfield Park and Hudson Park:

- Steppers
- Cycling
- Chest press
- Leg press
- Purpose built rubber matting surfaces

The project will deliver a number of other elements to encourage use of the equipment including:

- Signage at each exercise station
- Additional seating amenities
- Tree planting to provide shade
- Toilet and pathway improvement works.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/mitchell>

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Figure 1 – Kilmore: Project location



Figure 2 – Wallan - Project location

Expected date of commencement: March 2019

Expected date of completion: June 2019

Total Project Cost: \$142,301

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$142,301

Other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Wallan Youth Services Hub (\$645,789)
- Wallan East Relocatable Early Learning Centre Project (\$2,170,032)
- Activating Ryan's Creek Reserve (\$1,000,000)
- Kilmore Creek Pedestrian Bridge (\$745,000)
- Wallan Play Space Upgrades and Half Court Provisions (\$175,000)
- Centenary Drive Kilmore Play Space Upgrade (\$95,000)

Mitchell Shire Council received a total of \$4.97 million for seven projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018 – 2019.

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.

Community Outdoor Exercise Hub Concept Design



Figure 3 – Outdoor Exercise Hub Concept design

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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