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.

The City of Melton is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is considered one of the fastest growing interface councils. In 2017, the City of Melton had a growth rate of 5 per cent compared with the national average growth of 1.6 per cent. It is anticipated that Melton’s population will more than double between 2017 and 2041. Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.


**AINTREE COMMUNITY HUB**

**Field Street, Aintree VIC 3336**

**Project Description:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help the City of Melton deliver a community hub at the newly-established suburb of Aintree. This project will provide the emerging community with an accessible and attractive hub for crucial community services.

The new Community Hub will include:

- Two kindergarten rooms with a playgroup space
- A training room
- An occasional care centre including outdoor space and a library kiosk
- Consulting suites for outreach services and visiting allied health practitioners
- Arts and cultural spaces
- A community garden
- Additional playgroup space
- Administrative space with a lounge area.
Expected completion: Early December 2019

Total Project Cost: $8,210,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: $1,000,000

Other Contribution:
- City of Melton $7,210,000

Other project in the City of Melton to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:
- Allenby Road Reserve Upgrade ($300,000)
- Arnolds Creek Playspace ($300,000)
- Bill Cahill Reserve Upgrade ($300,000)
- Fraser Rise Community Hub ($1,600,000)
- Hannah Watts Park Upgrade ($600,000)
- MacPherson Park Redevelopment ($2,000,000)
- Melton Central Community Centre Redevelopment ($2,000,000)

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

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

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