

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. The majority 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 2031<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2017 <http://profile.id.com.au/mitchell>

## CONNECTING WALLAN NEIGHBOURHOODS - WALLAN NEIGHBOURHOOD OFF ROAD CONNECTION

**Watson Road, between Northern Highway and Taylors Creek, WALLAN, VIC 3756**

**Project Description:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help the Mitchell Shire Council deliver a critical link for community living around and along Watson Street to Wallan Town Centre. This off-road path will provide a safe, all-abilities shared trail for pedestrian and footpath users in Wallan's rapidly-expanding western front.

This project will include:

- 600m of a 2.5m-wide shared path
- Seating
- Tree planting and landscaping
- Lighting Upgrades
- Intersection updates to reinforce pedestrian and cycling use



# GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2017-18

**Expected completion: March 2019**

**Total Project Cost: \$710,000**

**Growing Suburbs Fund: \$670,000**

**Other Contribution:**

- **Mitchell Shire council: \$40,000**

**Other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:**

- **Connecting Wallan Neighbourhoods – Connecting Neighbourhoods and Families (\$225,000)**

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



**Figure 1: Project Concept Designs of the Connecting Wallan Neighbourhoods – Wallan Neighbourhood Off-Road Connection**

(Source: Mitchell Shire Council)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at [localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf](http://localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf)

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