The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering new local infrastructure. The initial $50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families by meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne’s diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs.

**CITY OF CASEY**

The City of Casey is located in Melbourne’s south-eastern suburbs, between 28 and 60 kilometres south-east of the Melbourne GPO.

The City of Casey is a rapidly developing residential area, with large areas of land still allocated for urban development, and surrounding rural areas. The City of Casey encompasses a total land area of about 400 square kilometres. Rural land is used mainly for grazing, horse agistment, market gardening, flower growing and open space/parklands.

Current population is approximately 252,000 predicted to increase to almost 500,000 by 2041¹.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Berwick is a continually growing suburb in Melbourne’s south eastern growth corridor. Demand for maternal and child health services is steadily increasing, and is forecast to continue with further population growth.

Funding of $1.4 million will expand the existing and well utilised Bridgewater Family and Community Centre addressing a service gap caused by population growth. The facility is at capacity with waiting lists exceeding the number of available places by 150 per cent.

With this extension a further 60 kindergarten places will available with the addition of an additional kindergarten room. The expansion will also deliver a community space and refurbish the Maternal and Child Health consulting suites and waiting area creating integration opportunities for users.

Bridgewater Family and Community Centre is a kindergarten and maternal and child health facility that also provides multi-purpose intergenerational community spaces.

**Expected Construction Completion: Mid 2017**

**Growing Suburbs Fund: $1.4 million**

**Other Contributions: $2.875 million**