

# Growing Suburbs Fund

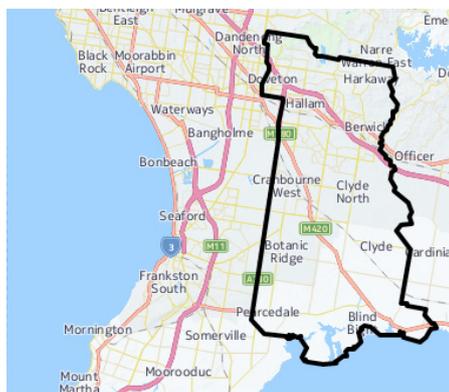
The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering of new local infrastructure. The initial \$50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families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



## Bridgewater Family and Community Centre Redevelopment

45 Bridgewater Boulevard, Berwick

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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 2041<sup>1</sup>.

1 Victoria in the Future, 2014 <http://profile.id.com.au/casey>

### 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**



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