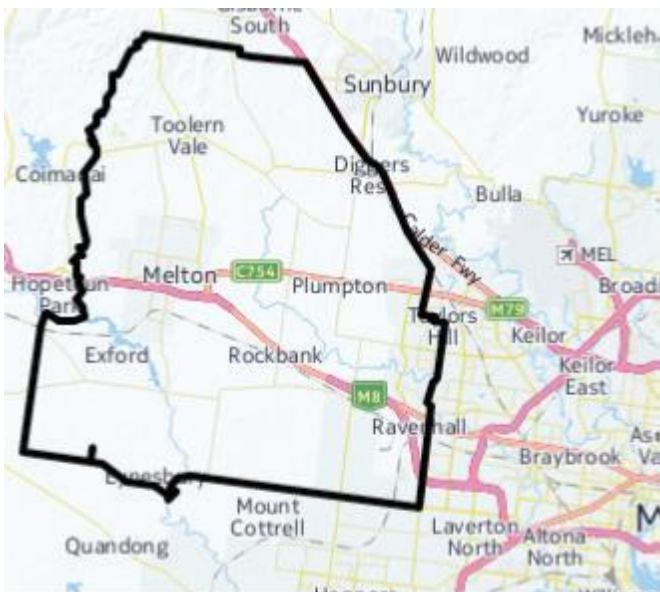


The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure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



### EYNESBURY STATION EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Corner of St Arnaud Road and Eynesbury Road, Eynesbury 3338

**Background:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Melton City Council to bring forward provisions of early years, children and youth facilities into the council's most isolated town in Eynesbury.

This project is designed in conjunction with the Victorian Government's Department of Education & Training (DET) (Victorian School Building Authority). The partnership provides a benefit to the community by co-locating an early learning centre, a public primary school and an active open space. This precinct approach assists in delivering a truly accessible suite of services to the community.

The project will deliver two core 33 place kindergarten rooms with dedicated play space, maternal child health office and waiting area, professional consultation offices to service community requirements, four hot desks for staff, car parking and landscape works.

The expected benefits include bringing children's services together in one co-located site within the isolated township providing much needed community meeting space for community groups and users to meet health, well-being and social outcomes.

Melton City Council is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is considered one of the fastest growing interface councils. Melton City Council is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is one of the fastest growing interface councils. In 2018, Melton City Council had a growth rate of 5.4 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 2018 and 2036.<sup>1</sup> Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2019

# GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2019-20

**Expected date of commencement:** March 2020

**Expected date of completion:** March 2021

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,400,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$1,500,000

**Other contributions:**

Melton City Council \$204,128

Victorian Government – DET's Children's Facilities  
Capital Program \$1,695,872

**Other project in Melton City Council to receive funding from the 2019-20 Growing Suburbs Fund are:**

- Melton Recycling Facility (\$3,000,000)
- Brookside Community Pavilion (\$850,000)

Melton City Council received a total of \$5,350,000 for three projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-20 round.

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](http://localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf)

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

Email: [gsf@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:gsf@delwp.vic.gov.au) or phone: 9948 8536



**Figure 1 – Eynesbury Station Early Learning Centre Schematic Plan (Melton City Council)**

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