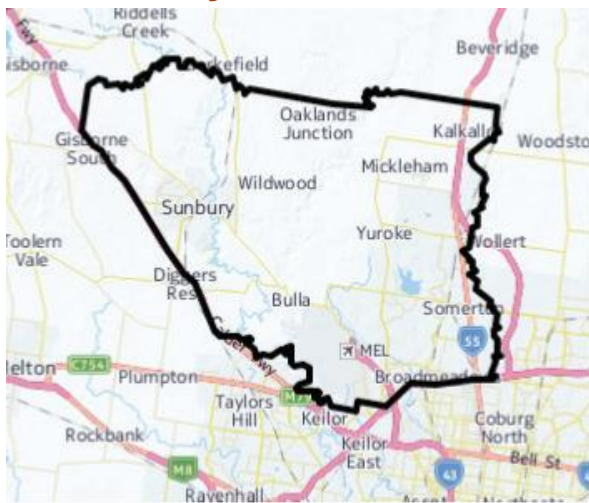


Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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 and peri-urban communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.

Hume City Council



Hume City Council is a growing, urban fringe municipality about 20 km from the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are well-established urban areas while the north remains rural in character. It has a young population, with 31 per cent of residents under 18 years of age.

Hume City Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 4.1.% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 241,188 in 2020 to about 343,989 or 42.6% per cent by 2036.²

Victoria's population has witnessed a considerable slow-down in growth due to COVID and a pause in overseas migration. This is mostly felt in the inner/middle suburbs of Melbourne but is still evident in outer suburbs.

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019

Valley Park Community Centre

44 Village Crescent, Westmeadows 3049

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Hume City Council to deliver an innovative community centre which will include:

- Meeting Spaces
- Consulting suites
- Office areas
- Ambient lighting

The Valley Park Community Centre will support the culturally diverse Westmeadows community. The project will provide community infrastructure that enhances wellbeing, helps build social networks and provides a resource for the local community by facilitating opportunities to promote and encourage social inclusion, thereby increasing the resilience of the community.

Expected date of commencement: April 2023

Expected date of completion: August 2024

Total Project Cost: \$2,800,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,000,000

Other contributions:

- Hume City Council: \$1,800,000

The other projects in Hume City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22 are:

- Sunbury Park Upgrade (\$350,000)
- Westmeadows Shopping Precinct Upgrade (\$189,750)
- Progress Reserve Redevelopment Stage 1 (\$650,000)
- Village Green (Rolling Meadows) Playspace Upgrade (\$256,000)
- Forrest Street Playspace Upgrade (\$260,000)



Figure 1 – Location

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund>

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au

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