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.

The City of Melton is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is considered one of the fastest growing interface councils. In 2017, the City of Melton had a growth rate of 5 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 2017 and 2041. Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs such as Aintree, Fraser Rise and Hillside currently under development.

ALLENBY ROAD RESERVE UPGRADE

90 Allenby Road, Hillside VIC 3037

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help the City of Melton transform the Allenby Road Reserve at the newly-established suburb of Hillside. This project will keep and convert a 7,000m² lot of undeveloped land into a quality, natural open space for the local community to connect, exercise, play and relax.

This project will deliver:
- A shelter
- Seating amenities
- New playground space
- A kick-about area
- Static exercise equipment
- New footpath links for greater local access
- Trees and landscaping.

Expected completion: September 2018

Total Project Cost: $600,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: $300,000

Other Contribution:
- City of Melton $300,000

Other project in the City of Melton to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:

- Aintree Community Hub ($1,000,000)
- Arnolds Creek Playspace ($300,000)
- Bill Cahill Reserve Upgrade ($300,000)
- Fraser Rise Community Hub ($1,600,000)
- Hannah Watts Park Upgrade ($600,000)
- MacPherson Park Redevelopment ($2,000,000)
- Melton Central Community Centre Redevelopment ($2,000,000)

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

Figure 1: Allenby Road Reserve Upgrade – Existing Site
(Source: Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

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