

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.

Mitchell Shire Council



Mitchell Shire Council is located approximately 60 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District and is bounded by Hume and Whittlesea councils to the south.

The southern tip has experienced significant residential growth in recent years due to affordable new housing and infrastructure to support an easy commute to Melbourne.

Mitchell Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 3.4% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 47,647 in 2020 to about 97,688 or 105% 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

Greenhills Reserve Playspace

137 Duke Street Wallan, 3756

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Mitchell Shire Council to upgrade Greenhills Reserve Playspace to support the needs of a diverse and growing community.

The reserve is very heavily used and plays a significant role in connecting new residents and families by providing opportunities for social connections. The upgraded playspace will provide play opportunities for all ages and abilities, encourage active lifestyles and support community social, economic and environmental outcomes.

The project will deliver:

- New playspace equipment including an inclusive large climbing cube, double play unit and double swing set
- Nature play including climbing rocks and logs.
- Seating
- The current soft fall mulch and timber edging will be reused, and 8 x 45 litre trees will be planted around the play area, improving the site's 'green-features'.

Expected date of commencement: September 2022

Expected date of completion: December 2022

Total Project Cost: \$140,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$110,000

Other contributions:

- Mitchell Shire Council: \$30,000

Mitchell Shire Council will also receive funding for the following projects from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22:

- Wallan Central Cycle and Nature Trail Project (\$800,000)
- Ryans Creek Reserve Activation Stage Two (\$900,000)

- Chittick Park Accessible Playspace Project (\$750,000)



Figure 1: Concept design Ground Control Landscape Architecture

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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