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 Casey is located in Melbourne’s south-eastern suburbs, between 28 and 60 km from the Melbourne Central Business District. It is one of the fastest growing interface councils with a population growth rate of 4.4 per cent in 2017 when compared to the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population in Casey is predicted to increase from 327,400 in 2017 to approximately 515,000 by 20411.

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, commercial flower growing and open space and parklands.

The City of Casey has a diverse and young community with about 36 per cent of residents speaking a language other than English at home and 22.7 per cent of residents under 15 years of age.


CHALCOT LODGE
CHILDREN’S CENTRE
REDEVELOPMENT

26 Haverstock Hill Close, Endeavour Hills, VIC 3802

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help the City of Casey redevelop the existing centre into a multipurpose community centre in Endeavour Hills. This project will provide much needed space for Maternal and Child Health allied programs, parents and other community programs.

The redevelopment will include:
- A Multipurpose Community Room
- A Yard and Kitchen
- A Flexible Consulting Room
- A General Refresh of the Building
Expected completion: End of June 2019
Total Project Cost: $750,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: $375,000
Other Contribution:
  - Casey City Council $375,000

Other project in Casey City Council to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:
  - Hunt Club Family and Community Centre Redevelopment ($1,005,000)
  - Jack Thomas Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment ($1,780,000)
  - Lawson Poole Reserve Multi-Use Pavilion Development (1,595,000)
  - Marriott Waters Family and Community Centre Redevelopment ($590,000)
  - Ramlegh Family and Community Centre ($1,185,059)
  - Sweeney Reserve Softball Pavilion Development ($1,210,000)

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

Figure 1: Chalcot Lodge Children’s Centre – external view
(Source: City of Casey)

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

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