Growing Suburbs Fund

The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering of new local infrastructure. The initial $50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families by meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs.

MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

Mitchell Shire is located approximately 80 kms north of Melbourne, abutting the northern borders of Hume City Council. It is characterised by a significant growth corridor in the southern area of the shire and rural areas to the north.

The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,862 sq kms with a population of approximately 41,000 which is expected to grow to almost 89,000 by 2031.

Broadford Youth Centre
High Street, Broadford

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Broadford is the geographic and municipal administrative centre of Mitchell Shire. Young people make up twenty-two per cent of the Broadford population.

Current youth services, operating from the Broadford Leisure Centre, are struggling to meet community need. The new Broadford Youth Centre will facilitate youth inclusion, support and civic engagement.

The new Broadford Youth Centre will use Victorian Government funding to create youth program rooms, an open plan kitchen, multi-use office spaces, storage and landscaping.

This dedicated youth centre is being constructed on the site of the old Broadford Police Station and is the result of consultation with young people and other community members.

With the development of a Broadford Youth Centre, Mitchell Shire Council is establishing a Youth Activity Precinct, including the Broadford Skate Park, the Broadford Community Centre, the Broadford Bowls Club and the Broadford Police Station all in one accessible location.

Expected completion: late 2016
Growing Suburbs Fund: $387,000
Other Contributions: $90,000

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