

Growing Suburbs Fund

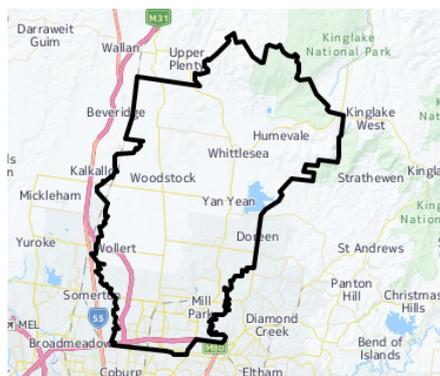
The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering of new local infrastructure. The initial \$50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families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



Barry Road Community Activity Centre Extension and Redevelopment

Barry Road, Lalor

WHITTLESEA CITY COUNCIL



CITY OF WHITTLESEA

The City of Whittlesea is located approximately 20 kms north of Melbourne's central business district. The southern parts of the city are well established urban areas while the north remains rural. Whittlesea is home to an ethnically diverse population with a very high percentage of residents born overseas.

Residential developments are extending towards the north of the municipality and the City of Whittlesea is expected to grow from more than 206,000 residents to more than 320,000 residents by 2031¹.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2014 <http://profile.id.com.au/whittlesea>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The communities of Lalor and Thomastown are home to a diverse population who face a range of social and economic challenges. The Barry Road Community Centre is helping to meet those challenges and has been a pivotal part of the local community since 1992.

The well-used and much loved centre is now the largest community centre in the Thomastown/Lalor area. Locals are keen for it to be extended to better accommodate the increasing demand.

Over the years, the Barry Road Community Centre has been embraced by the entire community and is a popular meeting place for cultural and social gatherings by local groups. Council also delivers key services from the centre including the municipal Delivered Meals service, Planned Activity Groups, and a Maternal and Child Health Service.

Funding for the Barry Road Community Activity Centre will increase the size of the hall, install accessible lifts to the stage area and new lighting. Additional storage spaces and two flexible rooms will also be built. The redevelopment will ensure the building is accessible and able to deal with increased community demand for facilities and services.

Expected completion: early 2017
Growing Suburbs Fund:\$2.6 million
Other Contributions: \$1.145 million

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