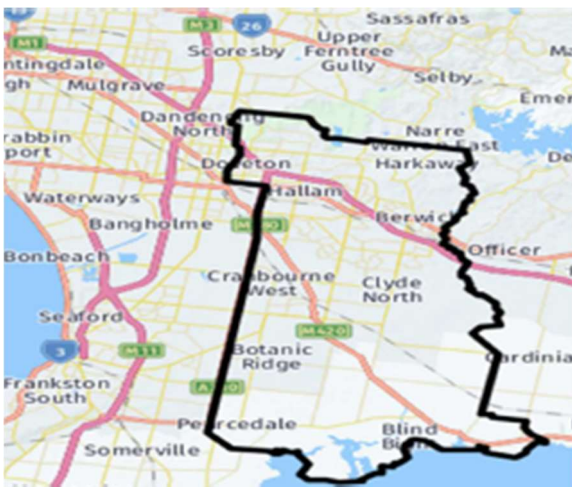


The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure 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.

CRANBOURNE WEST COMMUNITY HUB AND URBAN HEART (CWCH)

4S Flicka Boulevard, Cranbourne West

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will contribute funding to help Casey City Council develop Cranbourne West Community Hub and Urban Heart to provide a centrally accessible community space. The project will help address issues of social isolation; lack of access to facilities; services and information; complement home-based businesses and provide opportunities for success; and address the social impacts arising from increased work commutes identified in Casey's growth areas.

It will include inclusive spaces and services for all genders, children, young people, seniors, community groups and business groups to interact and socially exchange experiences regardless of physical ability and identity.

The Cranbourne West Community Hub and Urban Heart project will deliver a Community Hub that includes the construction of a building and immediate landscaping of a new dual level Community Facility including;

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/casey>



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- One large multipurpose community hall space and an additional 2 medium sized multipurpose community halls, all with interconnected commercial kitchen with ample storage spaces and separable outdoor break out spaces.
- Large community congregation area opening to a central courtyard
- Flexible business and community work and breakout space
- 2 flexible multipurpose training rooms with operable wall
- 3 variably sized meeting/consulting suites
- Public Wi-Fi will be available for visitors to the centre
- Multiple break out spaces, waiting spaces and community amenities spread across with two levels of the facility, including a second level green roof
- Wellbeing space
- Ample public amenities including a fully accessible changing places room.
- Ample car parking and signage.
- Fittings, furnishings and equipment for the new facility including IT

The Urban Heart aspect of the project consists of the construction of landscape components for the 3000sq/m urban park area adjacent to the dual level Community Facility.

Expected date of commencement:

September 2019

Expected date of completion:

February 2021

Total Project Cost: \$5,066,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,533,000

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

Other contributions:

- Casey City Council contributes \$2,533,000

Other projects in Casey City Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- The Endeavour Hills Community Precinct Stage 2 (EH2) project (\$1,682,100)
- Hallam Recreation Reserve Hall Renewal and Refurbishment project (\$885,000)

Casey City Council will receive a total of \$5,100,100 for three projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018-19 Round.



Figure 1: CWCH – Concept design (Source: Casey City Council)



Figure 2: CWCH – Concept Design (Source: Casey City Council)

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

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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