

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.



ACTIVATION OF BROADFORD PARKS AND PLAY SPACES

High Street and Piper Street, Broadford 3658

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Mitchell Shire Council to address the highest priority open space and connectivity service needs of residents in Broadford by activating linearly connected parks. The project will provide a new and inviting family recreational open space with a significantly expanded community garden and active leisure network spine through three identified open space areas – Old Police Paddocks, Memorial Park and Broadford Common.

The project will deliver an adventure playground at the Old Police Paddock site which currently consist of a community garden and is located behind the main activity centre. The project will also renew play space equipment at Memorial Park as well as additional landscape works. This project will also deliver five pods of outdoor fitness equipment across the Broadford Common.

The activation and upgrade of these three linearly connected parks will form a 2.5km loop around the east-west boundary of the town centre that will facilitate physical activity, social interaction and connectivity for the local community.

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. Most of the shire consists of rural land. The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,864 square km with an estimated population of approximately 44,300 in 2018, which is projected to grow to about 97,700 by 2036.¹

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2019-20

Expected date of commencement: November 2020

Expected date of completion: March 2021

Total Project Cost: \$720,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$720,000

Other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2019-20 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Kilmore Rejuvenation – A Make Over for Sydney Street's Retail Core (\$2,423,550)
- Taylors Creek Shared Path (\$1,688,050)

Mitchell Shire Council received a total of \$4,831,600 million for three projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-20.

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

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

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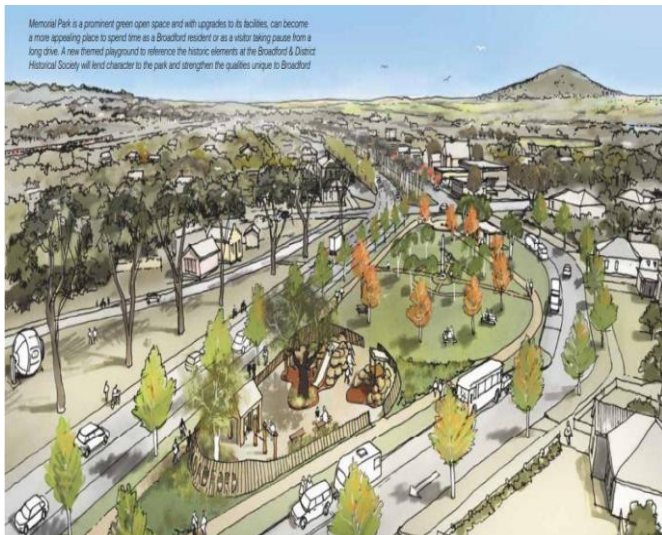


Figure 1 – Broadford Memorial Park – Broadford Structure Plan (Melton City Council)



Figure 2 – Broadford Community Garden – Concept Design (Melton City Council)

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