

Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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 and peri-urban communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



Casey City Council

Casey City Council 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 4.2 % in 2018 when compared to the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population in Casey is predicted to increase from 340,400 in 2018 to 522,300 in 2036.¹

Casey City Council 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. Casey City Council has a diverse community with about 36 per cent of residents speaking a language other than English at home and a large young

population with 22.7 per cent of residents under the age of 15 years.

Orana Community Place, Early Years Facility (EYF) Orana Estate, Cardinia Creek South (Clyde North) 3978

The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Casey City Council to fast forward delivery of the Orana Early Years Facility project which includes design, building and landscape works in conjunction with the relocation of an existing portable.

The Orana EYF project will offer a multi-purpose early years/community room and future kindergarten, delivered adjacent to a new community hub.

Together these facilities will provide a range of programs, activities and services for new residents in the Clyde Growth Area.

This innovative model will allow Casey City Council to proactively address the expanding needs as this new estate continues to take shape by providing;

- infrastructure 5-7 years early, to support early years opportunities for children and families as they enter the suburb
- flexible infrastructure that supports maximum and multi-use and responses to changing community needs.

This project responds to the demand levels for early years services, programs and activities, as well as broader demand generated by population growth.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019



Expected date of commencement: February 2021

Expected date of completion: February 2022

Total Project Cost: \$520,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$353,000

Other contributions:

- Casey City Council - \$167,000

The other projects in the City of Casey to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 is:

- Strong Drive Children's Centre Redevelopment (\$1,000,000)
- Olive Road Sporting Complex – Community Pavilion Redevelopment (\$1,000,000)

Authorised by the Hon Shaun Leane MP, Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development

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