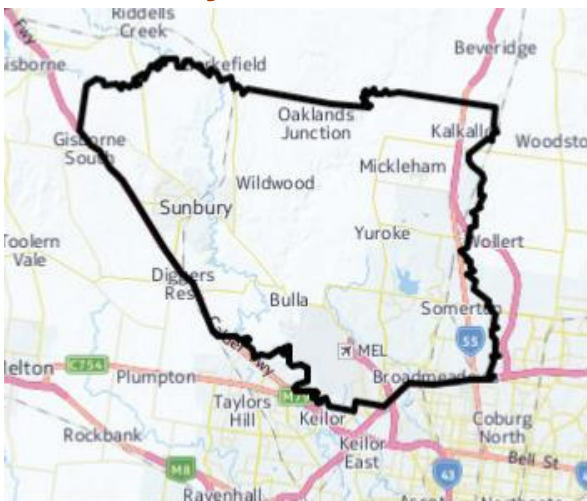


# Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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.

## Hume City Council



Hume City Council is a growing, urban fringe municipality about 20 km from the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are well-established urban areas while the north remains rural in character. It has a young population, with 31 per cent of residents under 18 years of age.

Hume City Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 4.1.% in 2019-20.<sup>1</sup> The population is projected to grow from 241,188 in 2020 to about 343,989 or 42.6% per cent by 2036.<sup>2</sup>

Victoria's population has witnessed a considerable slow-down in growth due to COVID and a pause in overseas migration. This is mostly felt in the inner/middle suburbs of Melbourne but is still evident in outer suburbs.

<sup>1</sup> ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

<sup>2</sup> Victoria in Future, 2019

## Westmeadows Shopping Precinct Upgrade

25-31 Fawkner Street, Westmeadows 3049

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Hume City Council in upgrading Westmeadows Shopping Precinct. The upgrades will include:

- Pathways
- Trees, shrubs and garden beds
- Furniture and fixtures
- Playground equipment

The upgraded Westmeadows Shopping Precinct will be more inviting to families and the wider community. By enhancing the precinct and improving the liveability of the area, this will meet the needs of the growing community and will support the local traders.

**Expected date of commencement:** April 2023

**Expected date of completion:** February 2024

**Total Project Cost:** \$550,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$189,750

**Other contributions:**

- Hume City Council: \$360,250

**The other projects in Hume City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22 are:**

- Sunbury Park Upgrade (\$350,000)
- Valley Park Community Centre (\$1,000,000)
- Progress Reserve Redevelopment Stage 1 (\$650,000)
- Village Green (Rolling Meadows) Playspace Upgrade (\$256,000)
- Forrest Street Playspace Upgrade (\$260,000)



Figure 1 – Concept design

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund>

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at [gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au)

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