

Growing Suburbs Fund

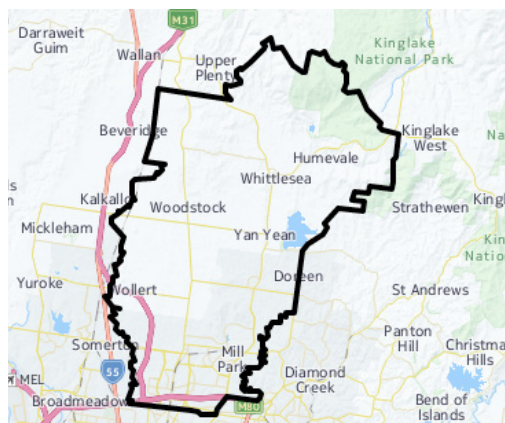
The Growing Suburbs Fund (formerly the Interface Growth Fund) is providing much needed funding to assist interface councils in the task of delivering of new local infrastructure. The initial \$50 million investment in 2015-16 will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families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



Epping Services Community Hub

713 High Street, Epping

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 2031.

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

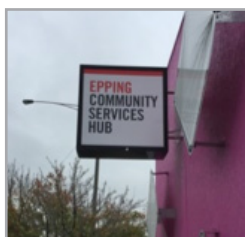
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Epping is a fast-growing suburb in Melbourne's outer north, where many residents experience limited access to the services they need. After purchasing a property in 2014 in an effort to address the local infrastructure gap, Whittlesea City Council refurbished a building with funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund, to create the Epping Community Services Hub.

Major refurbishments have been made to transform the building into a fit-for-purpose hub, including reconfiguration of work stations, meeting space and counselling rooms, with upgrades to access and services. From this one location, operating as an integrated service model, community members can now access a range of services delivered in partnership with over fifteen community service organisations. These include services for vulnerable young people; migrant settlement and support; counselling; family, parent and relationship support; disability support; education and training; and a social enterprise.

Whittlesea City Council have partnered with the Brotherhood of St Laurence, and the Growing Suburbs Fund to give the local community the best possible outcome.

Epping Services Hub is located within the Epping Metropolitan Activity Centre — where locals shop, live, work and relax, close to home. The Epping Community Service Hub is a welcoming community space that promotes self-sufficiency and resilience among residents.



Completed: May 2016

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$781,000

Other Contributions: \$767,000

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