

# 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.<sup>1</sup>

Casey City Council encompasses a total land area of about 400 sqkms. 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% of residents speaking a language other than English at home and a large

young population with 22.7% of residents under 15 yrs.

## Strong Drive Children's Centre Redevelopment 101 Strong Drive, Hampton Park

The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Casey City Council to fast forward the redevelopment of the ageing Strong Drive Children's Centre. This project will deliver the transformation of the existing community space into a larger multipurpose community space offering a community or licenced kindergarten room.

The project also includes renewal works to the existing kindergarten, Maternal and Child Health consult and waiting rooms and will deliver an integrated entry with public amenities, shared entrance/waiting area, updated building façade and outdoor landscaping in order to create stronger public connection with the facility.

The redeveloped facility will accommodate and engage a wide range of user groups by fostering social connections for people with caring responsibilities.

**Expected date of commencement:** January 2021

**Expected date of completion:** December 2021

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,334,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$1,000,000

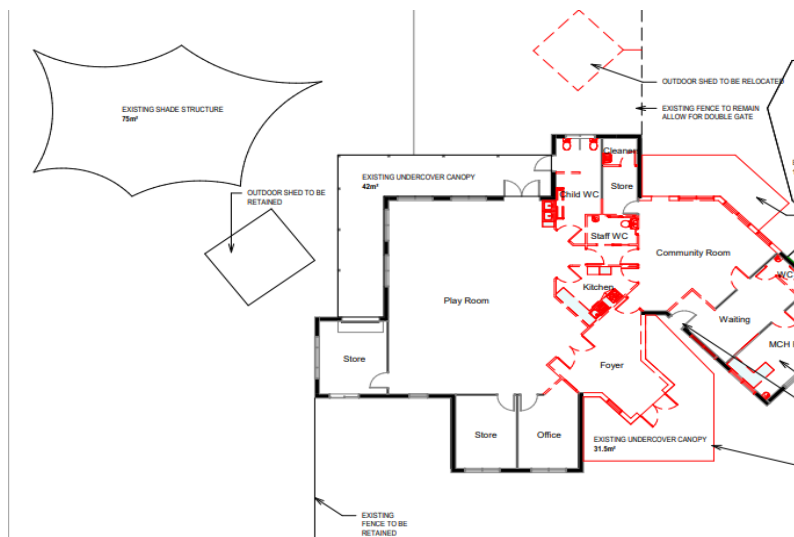
**Other contributions:**

- Casey City Council \$334,000

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

- Orana Community Place, Early Years Facility (\$353,000)
- Olive Road Sporting Complex Community Pavilion Redevelopment (\$1,000,000)

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2019



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