Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

The Growing Suburb Fund (GSF) is a \$425M contribution to support the delivery of high priority community infrastructure projects for Victoria's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. Designed to support the existing and future local infrastructure needs of Melbourne's interface and peri-urban communities, the GSF brings forward local infrastructure projects that are essential to the liveability of outer suburban families.



Melton City Council is located approximately 40 kilometres west of central Melbourne and is one of the fastest growing interface councils. Strong residential growth is expected to continue, with a number of new suburbs under development.

Melton City Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 4.6% in $2019-20^1$. The population is projected to grow from 172,500 in 2020 to about 332,051 or 92.5% per cent by 2036^2 .

Victoria's population growth slowed during the pandemic period with the impact over this time mainly felt in the inner and middle suburbs of Melbourne; regional areas were less affected due to increased migration from Melbourne. Based on the latest available data, areas across Victoria are now expected to return to normal rates and patterns.

Aintree Community Centre

799 Beattys Road, Aintree 3336

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Melton City Council to bring forward an early years and community facility into the council's fastest growing community. This project will deliver expanded integrated services and programs and provide multiuse flexible spaces for community services and activities.

The project scope includes:

- Kindergarten and MCH rooms
- Consultation spaces and community meeting rooms
- Office/planning room inclusive of furniture
- External play spaces
- Family room and breastfeeding space
- Kitchen, storage spaces, and amenities
- Carparking and landscaping

Expected date of commencement: December 2023

Expected date of completion: January 2025

Total Project Cost: \$10,000,000 Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,500,000 Other Contributions:

Melton City Council \$8,500,000

The other projects in Melton City Council to receive funding from the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Barwon Street Reserve Upgrade (\$250,000)
- Blackwood Drive Recreation Reserve Upgrade (\$500,000)
- Hillside Recreation Reserve Park and Play Space Upgrade (\$400,000)
- Plumpton Community Centre and Neighbourhood House (\$1,500,000)
- Weir Views Community Centre (\$1,500,000)

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¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022







Figure 1 Location

Figure 2 Concept Design

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

For more information about the Growing Suburbs Fund, please contact gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

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