

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



The City of Whittlesea is located about 20 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are established urban areas and current residential developments are extending towards the north of the municipality.

The City of Whittlesea is home to an ethnically-diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2017, the City of Whittlesea had an annual population growth rate of

4.1 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The current population is expected to grow from around 216,500 in 2017, by 45 per cent to about 383,000 in 2031¹.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/whittlesea>

MILL PARK LEISURE CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

33 Morang Drive, Mill Park VIC 3082

Project Description: Funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund will help City of Whittlesea redevelop Mill Park Leisure Centre at Mill Park, to improve safety and accessibility for all members of the local community. Renovation works will incorporate principles of environmental sustainability and meet industry standards and enhance participants' health and wellbeing.

The redevelopment of the Mill Park Leisure Centre will include:

- Three new pools
- A new, larger spa and sauna
- Family and group change facilities
- A new café
- A refurbished creche
- Upgraded car parking
- A landscaped outdoor area with playspace.



GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2017-18

Expected completion: February 2021

Total Project Cost: \$25,655,489

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,000,000

Other Contribution:

- **City of Whittlesea \$20,555,489**
- **Victorian Government's Sport and Recreation Victorian**
 - **Community Sports Infrastructure & Better Pools Program \$3,000,000**
 - **Sport and Recreation Victoria – Changing Places Program \$100,000**

Other projects in the City of Whittlesea to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:

- **Thomastown Main Street Community Pavilion Redevelopment (\$2,000,000)**
- **Regional all Abilities Play space (\$1,000,000)**

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.



Figure 1: Mill Park Leisure Upgrades - Concept Design

(Source: City of Whittlesea)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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