

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 Casey 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 4.4 per cent in 2017 when compared to the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population in Casey is predicted to increase from 327,400 in 2017 to approximately 515,000 by 2041¹.

The City of Casey encompasses a total land area of about 400 square kilometres. Rural land is used mainly for grazing, horse agistment, market gardening, commercial flower growing and open space and parklands.

The City of Casey has a diverse and young community with about 36 per cent of residents speaking a language other than English at home and 22.7 per cent of residents under 15 years of age.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2017 <http://profile.id.com.au/casey>

SWEENEY RESERVE SOFTBALL PAVILION DEVELOPMENT

701 Melzac Way, BERWICK VIC 3806

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help the City of Casey demolish outdated infrastructure and construct a new pavilion, to support the growing need for a multipurpose cultural and sporting venue in Berwick. The new facility will provide community space for sports clubs, schools and community groups from Berwick, Narre Warren and Narre Warren South. Approximately 390 softball players from the Casey Softball Association are among those who will directly benefit from the development.

The new pavilion will include:

- Four unisex change rooms and three showers
- Two gender-neutral referee rooms with partitions
- A multipurpose community room
- Public toilets with accessible toilet/shower
- A commercial grade kitchen



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- Storeroom
- First aid room
- An undercover spectator area
- Associated paths
- Paved areas
- Car parking

Expected completion: October 2019

Total Project Cost: \$2,420,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,210,000

Other Contribution:

- **City of Casey \$1,210,000**

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

- **Marriott Waters Family and Community Centre Redevelopment (\$590,000)**
- **Ramleigh Family and Community Centre (\$1,185,059)**
- **Chalcot Lodge Children's Centre Redevelopment (\$375,000)**
- **Hunt Club Family and Community Centre Redevelopment (\$1,005,000)**
- **Jack Thomas Reserve Pavilion Development (\$1,780,000)**
- **Lawson Poole Reserve Multi-Use Pavilion Development (1,595,000)**

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



Figure 1: Sweeney Reserve Softball Pavilion

(Source: https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Attraction_Review-g552140-d12872373-Reviews-Sweeney_Reserve-Berwick_Greater_Melbourne_Victoria.html)

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

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

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