

Community Infrastructure Plan 2017 to 2036



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Introduction

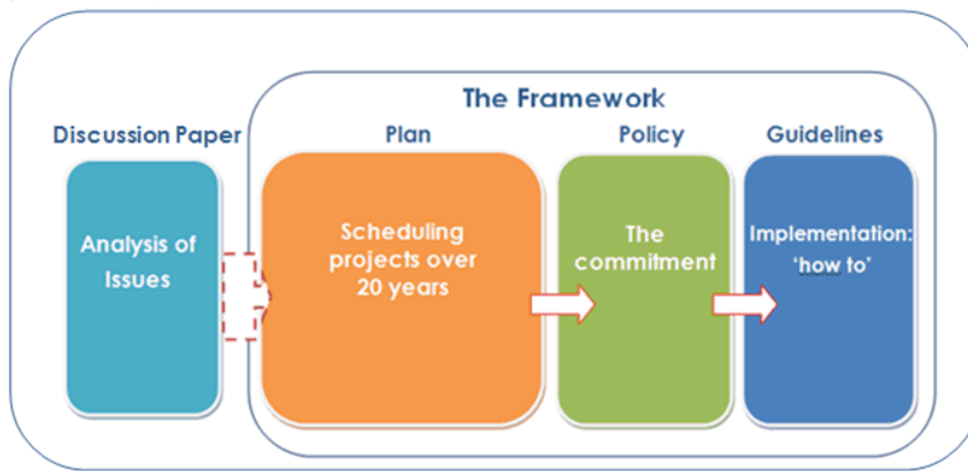
The Melton City Council Plan 2013/2017 commits to development of a Community Infrastructure Framework. This is comprised of:

- A Community Infrastructure Planning Policy
- This Community Infrastructure Plan
- Community Infrastructure Guidelines.

The Framework is also informed by a background discussion paper.

This Community Infrastructure Plan establishes the methodology, standards and analysis to inform a rational and high level community infrastructure program of capital projects over a twenty year planning horizon.

Figure 1: Community Infrastructure Framework



Project Background

In the face of rapid urban growth, Council commits substantial resources to the provision of community infrastructure in the expectation that this promotes community development and results in a well-served, resilient and strong community. While in most cases, Precinct Structure Plans identify the location and basic functional composition of buildings, more detailed planning is required to ensure evolving needs are met.

Concerned that decision-making needed to be carried out strategically, Council committed to development of a comprehensive Community Infrastructure Framework (CIF). A clear aim of the CIF is to develop a robust process for making financial commitments, exploring opportunities for Council to achieve better value for money, and ultimately better outcomes for the community.

This desire underpins the development of a CIF to guide Council's approach to the provision and composition of well designed, integrated and accessible community infrastructure now and into the future.

Reports Structure

- The purpose of this Community Infrastructure Plan is to establish:
- The Vision for community infrastructure planning within the City of Melton
- Principles for community Infrastructure decision making
- Agreed service catchments
- Agreement on the relevant planning standards to be applied:
 - Scope and hierarchy of community infrastructure types
 - Population-based benchmarks (desired standards of service) and development triggers
- Analysis of localities.

Appendices to the report contain:

- The Methodology for development of the Plan
- A schedule of capital projects for development over the 20 year planning horizon
- A map showing current and future community infrastructure.

Community Infrastructure Defined

Community infrastructure comprise physical and related organisational structures that support individuals, and communities to meet their social needs, maximise their potential for development, and enhance community wellbeing, traditionally provided at a municipal or sub-municipal level.

For the purposes of this plan, community infrastructure is comprised of those buildings or rooms identified in the community infrastructure hierarchy table on page 9 of this report.

The essential functions of community infrastructure are:

1. Service delivery
2. Community development and social capital formation
3. Place-making and
4. Disaster response and recovery.

Limitations

The recommendations appearing in the locality analysis sections following this, and summarised in the schedule to the plan in appendix 2, are based on assessments against planning standards made at a particular point in time. It is expected that these will need to be periodically reviewed to maintain currency, particularly in response to updates in demographic data, and developments in the Precinct Structure Planning program.

Generally, the number of children’s rooms to be provided should be consistent with the projects schedule in appendix 2 to the plan. It is specifically acknowledged however that Council may choose to develop more children’s rooms in order to attract grant funding available for children’s rooms to support provision of long daycare services.

Lifetime Costs of Community Infrastructure

An additional limitation of this plan is that it does not detail resource commitments for the operation and maintenance of community infrastructure over its useful life. This includes provision for periodic rejuvenation of facilities, as well as more extensive renovations to change the function of buildings. While every attempt should be made to develop facilities that reduce these lifetime costs, the reality must be appreciated that the decision to provide community infrastructure provides intergenerational benefits and costs. Without resources for the effective operation, maintenance and renovation of community infrastructure, Council will not realise all of the planned benefits.

The Regional Setting

The City of Melton is located in Melbourne’s outer-western region and offers an urban-rural lifestyle within 35 minutes travelling time of Melbourne’s Central Business District. It is recognised as one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Australia.



Figure 3: Map of Melton within the Melbourne context



Figure 2: Melton City Council LGA in the context of Melbourne's Interface Councils

Geography and Service Catchments

The following localities, generally according with State Gazetted Suburbs in some cases and Precinct Structure Plan areas in others, form natural service catchments for analysis of level 1 and 2 infrastructure items (explained in Table 2).

The term 'district' refers to a contiguous grouping of multiple localities for the purpose of analysis, particularly for higher order community infrastructure. The Locality Analysis chapter of this Plan provides a detailed commentary on each locality within the City of Melton.

District within the City of Melton	Precinct Structure Plan area (or Suburb / future Suburb)
Melton Township District	Brookfield, Melton, Melton South, Melton West (Melton West, Harkness), and Kurunjang.
Melton East District	Burnside, Burnside Heights, Caroline Springs, Diggers Rest, Hillside and Taylors Hill.
Greenfield areas	Eynesbury, Toolern Growth Area (Weir Views, Strathulloh, Cobblebank), Plumpton Growth Area (Taylors Hill West & Plumpton PSP, Fraser Rise, Kororoit PSP, Deanside), Rockbank Growth Area, Rockbank North Growth Area (Aintree, Warrensbrook PSP, Melton East future PSP) and Mt Atkinson Growth Area & Rural Areas

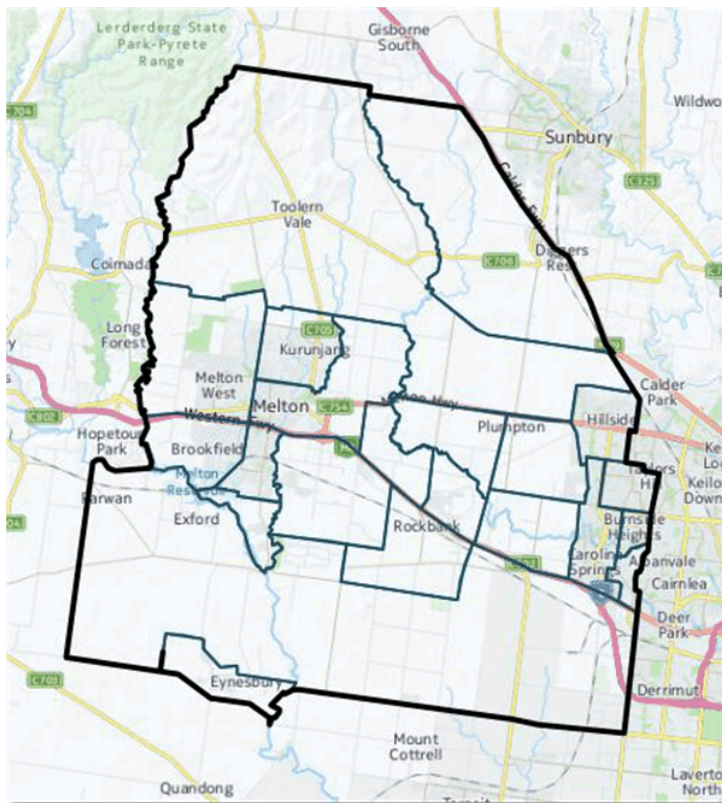


Figure 4: Melton Local Government Area

Council's Community Infrastructure Planning Policy Context

Public policy at all levels of Australian Government recognises the role of social and community infrastructure in contributing to strong and resilient communities. This is reflected in the commitment of Council through its Council Plan 2013 – 2017.

This is structured under four themes:

- Managing Growth,
- a Well Governed and Leading Organisation
- Diverse Confident and Inclusive Communities, and
- Community Health and Wellbeing.

Each of these have relevance to the task of community infrastructure planning.

Council Plan Objectives of direct relevance include:

- 1.2 Build a sense of place through an engaging range of community facilities and shared open spaces.
- 2.2 Provide levels of service that balance community need with organisational capacity, and
- 2.3 Provide an accessible range of services for all including children, young people, families and older adults.

The Influence of the Local Government Act

The Local Government Act 1989 (Vic) provides in section 3A that the purpose of local government is for Councils to exercise their powers for the peace, order and good government of their municipal districts. The primary objective of a local government as set out in section 3C is to endeavour to achieve the best outcome for the local community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions, having regard to certain facilitative objectives, including:

- a) to promote the social, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of the municipal district
- b) to ensure that resources are used efficiently and effectively and services are provided in accordance with the Best Value Principles to best meet the needs of the local community
- c) to improve the overall quality of life of people in the local community
- d) to ensure that services and facilities provided by the Council are accessible and equitable

The Plan

Vision for Community Infrastructure

Council's vision is of 'strong and resilient communities with equitable access to a diverse range of supportive community infrastructure'.

Principles for Community Infrastructure

Table 1: Community Infrastructure Planning Principles

Principle	Community Infrastructure
Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community infrastructure is attractive and welcoming for residents and visitors Community infrastructure is safe and perceived to be safe, incorporating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles Community infrastructure is at the heart of the community, contributing to a sense of place and of community pride Decision-making about community infrastructure incorporates appropriate levels of community participation.
Accessible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Infrastructure is distributed equitably within the municipality, and across its various population catchments Community infrastructure is designed to be universally accessible to people, regardless of age, ability, gender, cultural background or other status Community infrastructure is staged according to demand management principles, balanced against the need for appropriate levels of early provision in isolated Greenfield developments Community infrastructure is located to promote the most sustainable transport modes practicable
Diverse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community infrastructure supports a diverse range of functions and activities that reflects the diversity of community needs and interests Community infrastructure is designed to reflect and promote local character and identity Community infrastructure is either co-located with or in proximity to other compatible uses, consistent with the community infrastructure hierarchy
Sustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community infrastructure is designed to be adaptable, with an adequate supply of suitable land, in order to preserve the opportunities of future generations Planning for community infrastructure promotes efficient use of resources, and takes into account the long term costs of maintaining and managing infrastructure Environmentally sustainable design principles and practices are factored into community infrastructure decision-making.

Desired Standards of Service

The following table establishes desired standards of service for the following infrastructure types.

The Community Infrastructure Hierarchy set out in the table below is based on that established in table 27 of the 2008 report Planning for Community Infrastructure in Growth Areas. This has been particularly influenced by the 2012 Wyndham Community Infrastructure Framework - Community Infrastructure Hierarchy.

Table 2: Relationships between Services, Infrastructure Type and Standards

Hierarchy	Infrastructure type	Service/ Function	Desired Standards	Source/ Justification
Level 1 Up to 10,000 residents	Community meeting rooms	Hire/ programming	33 m ² provided for every 1,000 residents Provided at local, district and sub-municipal levels. Excludes ancillary spaces such as foyers, airlocks, toilets, kitchens etc.	Equivalent to Wyndham's adopted standard of one square metre provided for every 30 people, based on ASR Research and actual metropolitan Melbourne custom and practice.
	Multi-function activity rooms	Hire/ programming		
	Office spaces	Community Service Organisation hire		
Level 2 Every second level 1 facility	Neighbourhood houses	Neighbourhood house service		
Level 1 Up to 10,000 residents	Children's rooms	Four year old kindergarten programs Three year old kindergarten programs Occasional Care Long daycare program***	One children's room for every 66 four year olds, provided in a model with no fewer than two rooms per facility.	This is a similar standard to that adopted by Victorian Planning Authority in their Kindergarten Infrastructure Needs Assessment in Greenfield Growth Areas: A Revised Benchmark. 1 room per 1,400 households in the short term and 1 room per 2,100 households in the longer term.*
Level 1 Up to 10,000 residents	Consulting rooms inc. Maternal and Child Health	Ages and Stages consultations for Maternal & Child Health	One room per 8,000 residents provided in a dual room model.	ASR Research standard, adopted by the Victorian Planning Authority.
Level 3 or above District catchment around a Major Activity Centre	Youth facility	Youth Services	One facility per 60,000 residents.	Adopted in Council's Youth Strategy.
	Social support age friendly facilities	Social support program age friendly facilities	One facility per 60,000 residents.	Council custom and practice.
	Library	Library Service	One library per 60,000 residents	Council custom and practice.
	Indoor recreation facilities inc. aquatic centres	Recreation Planning	Refer to Council's desired standards of service for various recreation types in documents such as the <i>Open Space Plan 2016-2026</i>	
	Cultural facilities inc. Art Galleries, Museums, Performing Arts Centres	Arts and Culture	Decision of Council	Local government benchmarking

* The two benchmarking methods produce similar results, but Melton's desired standard has the additional benefit of providing Council with time-specific guidance about need over time.

**Cultural infrastructure items, including art galleries, museums and performing arts centres are not provided according to a desired standard of service.

*** While long daycare programs are not a core Council supported service, Council may choose to licence its facilities for long daycare where external funding is available.

Locality Analysis

3.1. Brookfield

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Brookfield is located to the south and west of the locality of Melton within the Melton Township District. Brookfield is bounded by the Western Freeway in the north, Coburns Road and the railway line in the east, the Werribee River in the south and the Djerriwarrh Creek in the west. It forms part of the Melton Township district.

People from within the locality are expected to access higher level infrastructure in the Melton town centre.

Brookfield Community Profile

The eastern half of Brookfield is developed urban area, while the western half is rural, to be developed in coming years. Part of this area is to be developed according to a Melton West Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), the development process for which is yet to commence.

The locality is projected to grow significantly over coming decades, with the total residential population projected to double over the planning horizon.

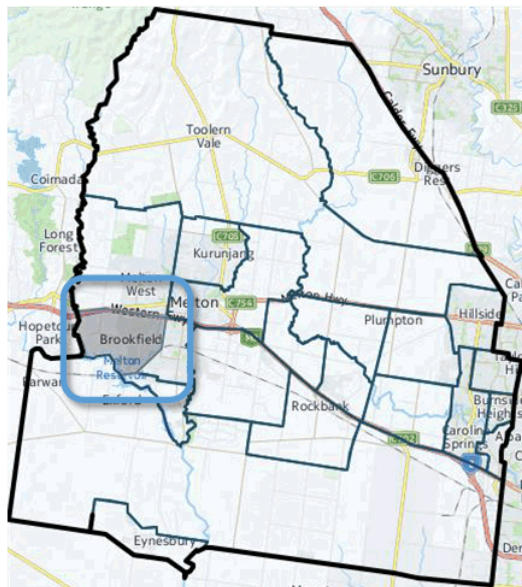


Figure 5: Brookfield - forecast.id locality

Table 3: Locality – Brookfield

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	144	193	235	261	283
Total population	9,638	11,233	14,308	16,513	18,434
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	245				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	5				
M&CH consulting rooms	4				
Recreation Space	0				
<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>					
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	318	371	472	545	608
Children's rooms	2.2	2.9	3.6	4.0	4.3
M&CH consulting rooms	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.3
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-73	-126	-227	-300	-363
Children's rooms	2.8	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.7
M&CH consulting rooms	2.8	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.7

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Community Space

- The new Botanica Springs Children’s & Community Centre is a highly embellished community centre completed in 2015, with a large community activity space and two meeting rooms. This level of provision is presently adequate, given proximity to district level community space in Melton Township.
- The Brookside Children’s & Community Centre has a very small community space in a more basic level facility. This small space is impractical for many activities. The opportunity is for this space to accommodate a compatible community service organisation, or to be fit out for a more specific use. Some reactive maintenance is also required to the external area.
- There is presently no neighbourhood house servicing Brookfield or West Melton. Beyond 2026, additional demand will warrant expanded provision of community space and access to a neighbourhood house program.
- A future Melton West PSP will either need to identify a site for another community centre, expansion of the Botanica Springs or Arnolds Creek centres or a combination of these options.

Early Years Infrastructure

- The Botanica Springs Children’s & Community Centre has four children’s rooms and the Brookfield Children’s & Community Centre has two. This exceeds the number of children’s rooms required over the planning horizon. However, residents from adjacent suburb Melton South are likely to require the early years infrastructure of Brookfield.
- Both of these centres have two Maternal & Child Health consulting suites each. Again, this exceeds the number of children’s rooms required over the planning horizon.

Recreation Infrastructure

There are no recreation buildings located in Brookfield currently, though the Botanica Springs pavilion is planned. During planning for the Melton West PSP, the need for any future buildings will be assessed.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan (PSP)

- The Melton West PSP will cover a portion of the Brookfield and Melton West localities. The process for developing this PSP has not commenced.

Discussion

As above, the only specific work required for Brookfield at this time is renewal of the Brookfield Children’s & Community Centre. Further assessment will need to be made during development of the Melton West PSP.

Table 3.1 Locality – Brookfield Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Brookside Children’s & Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbish the external areas of the building • In the alternative, investigate the potential to accommodate a compatible community service organisation in the community room, or fit out to more efficiently serve the needs of a particular user group. 	
Botanica Springs Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility in 2019/21
Undertake evaluation for appropriate timing to re-purpose current children’s rooms and maternal child health rooms into Community Space to be accessible by 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider residents from adjacent suburbs Melton South and Melton West are likely to require the early year’s infrastructure of Brookfield by 2021. 	

3.2. Burnside

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Burnside is bounded by the Kororoit Creek in the north, the Kororoit Creek and Robinsons Road in the east, the Western Highway in the south and in the west by the border with the Brimbank Local Government Area. It forms part of the Melton East district.

People from within the locality may access higher order community infrastructure in the Caroline Springs Major Activity Centre.

Burnside Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow from 4,907 residents in 2016 to 7,128 by 2036. The number of four year olds will decline slightly from 2026. The current profile is low density urban.

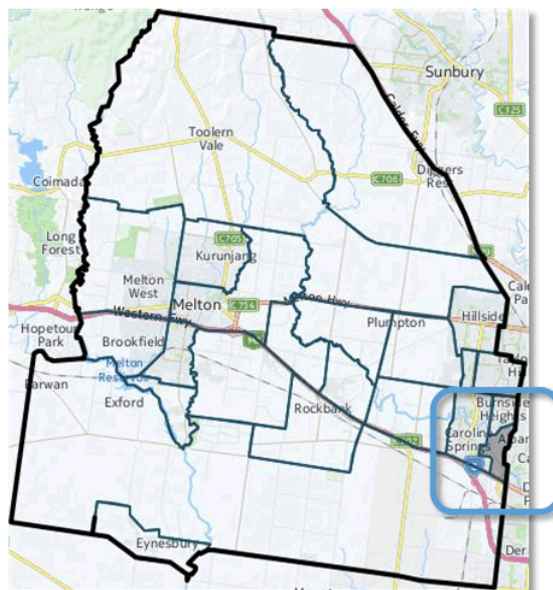


Figure 6: Burnside – forecast.id locality

Table 4: Locality – Burnside

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	81	111	120	109	102
Total population	5,292	6,509	7,353	7,228	7,128
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	116				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	4				
M&CH consulting rooms	2				
Recreation Space	0				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	175	215	243	239	235
Children's rooms	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.5
M&CH consulting rooms	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-59	-99	-127	-123	-119
Children's rooms	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5
M&CH consulting rooms	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1

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Community Space

The Burnside Children’s & Community Centre provides the only community space in Burnside, as a small meeting room and reception office, along with a medium sized 96m² activity room. While this is adequate to meet local needs over the short term, it is planned to extend the facility to provide in excess of 300m² in the short term to address a gap in the provision of larger activity rooms in the broader Melton East District.

Early Years Infrastructure

- The Burnside Children’s & Community Centre has four children’s rooms, providing three kindergarten rooms and one occasional care service, exceeding demand over the planning horizon.
- There are two maternal and child health offices, which should be adequate over the planning horizon.

Recreation Infrastructure

There are no recreation buildings located within Burnside, and none are planned.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

There is no Precinct Structure Plan governing the development of Burnside.

Discussion

While the population catchment of Burnside itself does not demand additional community infrastructure, the broader Melton East district catchment has a deficit of community space. It is planned for an extension to the Burnside Children’s & Community Centre to include in excess of 300m² of community space in the form of large activity rooms.

Table 4.1 Locality – Burnside Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Burnside Community Centre Stage 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the building to provide large community activity rooms and associated amenities 	Develop this facility in 2017/20
Undertake evaluation to re-purpose current children’s rooms and maternal child health rooms into Community Space to be accessible by 2026.	

3.3. Burnside Heights

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Burnside Heights is located north of Burnside, south of Taylors Hill, west of Caroline Springs and east of Brimbank LGA. It forms part of the Melton East District.

People from within the locality may be expected to access higher order community infrastructure in Caroline Springs or possibly Taylors Hill.

Burnside Heights Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow slightly in coming years from approximately 5,475 residents in 2016 to 5,687 by 2026, before declining to 5,593 in 2036. The number of four year olds will decline over the planning horizon due to structural ageing of the population.

The current profile is low density urban. There is little opportunity for further residential development.

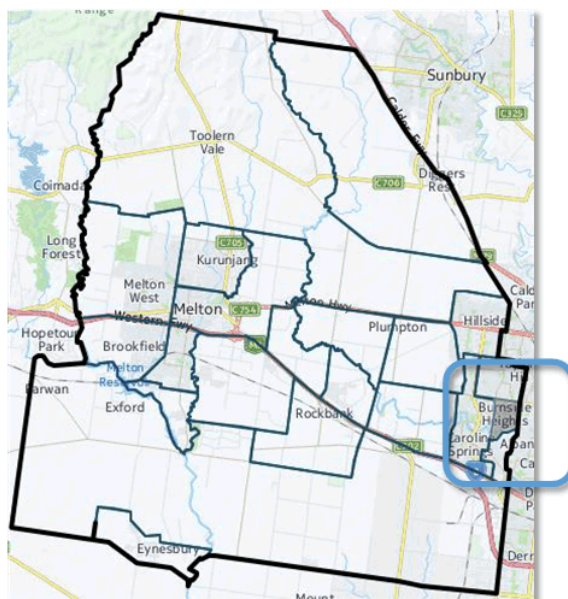


Figure 7: Burnside Heights – forecast.id locality

Table 5: Locality – Burnside Heights

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	91	83	56	55	55
Total population	5,574	5,643	5,687	5,585	5,593
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	0				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	3				
M&CH consulting rooms	2				
Recreation Space	1				
<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>					
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	184	186	188	184	185
Children's rooms	1.4	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.8
M&CH consulting rooms	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-184	-186	-188	-184	-185
Children's rooms	1.6	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
M&CH consulting rooms	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3

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Community Space

Burnside Heights does not have any community centre. Nb. The Burnside Heights Community Pavilion is available to be hired when not in use as a sports pavilion. This does not meet the definition of quality dedicated community space and is therefore not counted in benchmarking.

Early Years Infrastructure

The Kororoit Kindergarten provides three children's rooms and two maternal & child health consulting rooms.

Recreation Infrastructure

The Burnside Heights Community Pavilion is the only Recreation pavilion, and this is adequate over the planning horizon.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

There is no relevant Precinct Structure Plan for this locality, and little opportunity for further development.

Discussion

The number of residents in Burnside Heights is and will remain small, and forms a natural local service catchment with Burnside. No further community infrastructure is planned for Burnside Heights.

Table 5.1 Locality – Burnside Heights Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
No further new community infrastructure is planned for Burnside Heights	n/a
Undertake evaluation to re-purpose current children's rooms and maternal child health rooms into Community Space to be accessible by 2026.	

3.4. Caroline Springs

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Caroline Springs includes the Major Activity Centre for the Melton East District, bounded by the Western Freeway and Ballarat Road in the South, Plumpton to the West, Burnside, Burnside Heights and Taylors Hill to the East and Hillside to the north.

Caroline Springs has relatively good active and public transport infrastructure, including intraregional connections, with existing concentrations of district and civic community infrastructure. It is a natural location for additional higher order community infrastructure.

Caroline Springs Community Profile

The locality is now largely developed as a medium density residential area. The population is projected to decline moderately from 23,758 to 22,969 over the planning horizon through structural ageing of the population and associated changes in the composition of households. During this time, the number of resident four year olds will roughly halve.

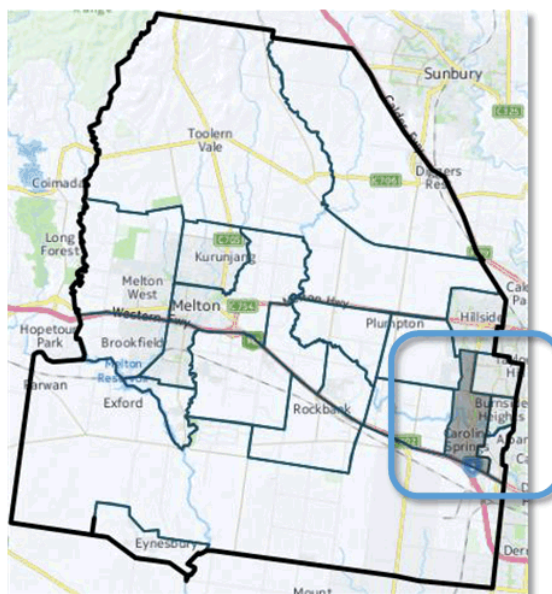


Figure 8: Caroline Springs – forecast.id locality

Table 6: Locality – Caroline Springs

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	342	448	354	241	242
Total population	24,351	25,517	24,755	23,531	22,969
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	852				
Neighbourhood house	1				
Children's rooms	6	<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>			
M&CH consulting rooms	6				
Recreation Space	3				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	804	842	817	777	758
Children's rooms	5.2	6.8	5.4	3.7	3.7
M&CH consulting rooms	3.0	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	49	11	36	76	95
Children's rooms	0.8	-0.8	0.6	2.3	2.3
M&CH consulting rooms	3.0	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.1

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Community Space and Early Years Infrastructure

- The Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub provides 389 m2 of bookable community rooms.
- Stevenson House provides one of three Neighbourhood House programs, at a facility with about 139m2 of programmable community space.
- Springside Children’s & Community Centre contains about 284 m2 of community space, three children’s rooms and a dual maternal and child health consulting suite.
- Brookside Children’s & Community Centre contains a modest 40 m2 community room, single children’s room and a dual maternal and child health consulting suite.
- Benchmarking of community space within the broader Melton East District shows historical under provision. Even where community spaces have been provided, community spaces tend to be small. It is therefore recommended that a district level community meeting space on land attached to the Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub be developed.

Recreation Infrastructure

- The Caroline Springs Leisure Centre is one Melton City Council’s largest community infrastructure assets. It is physically attached to the Caroline Springs Community Pavilion.
- The Springside Community Sports Pavilion and Brookside Community Pavilions are the other recreation assets within the locality.

Specialist Infrastructure

- The Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub provides one of two dedicated Council libraries in the City of Melton, servicing the Melton East District.
- The Caroline Springs Art Gallery, within the Library & Learning Hub is a modest dedicated space at one entry to the building.

Discussion

Melton East District has gone through massive expansion over recent decades, but is now largely developed, with few larger parcels of land suitable for residential development. It is recommended that a district level community meeting space be developed in an expansion zone to the north of the Caroline Springs Library & Learning Hub.

Table 6.1 Locality – Caroline Springs Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
<p>Caroline Springs Civic Centre and Library stage 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a district level community meeting space in an expansion zone to the west of the existing building from 2020. 	<p>Develop this facility 2020/22</p>

3.5. Diggers Rest

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Diggers Rest is in the north eastern part of the City of Melton, bounded by the Calder Freeway and Hume City Council to the east, Holden Road in the south, Kororoit Creek West Branch to the west and the Macedon Ranges Shire in the north. It forms only part of the gazetted suburb of Diggers Rest. The other part of the suburb is currently in the Hume LGA.

Diggers Rest has good transport infrastructure with the Calder Freeway and metropolitan rail, though these also form natural boundaries that impede local accessibility. Its connections back to the rest of Melton LGA are less well-established, with far stronger connections to Sunbury.

People from within the locality rarely access community infrastructure within the rest of the LGA, and few Melton residents not living within Diggers Rest would exert demands for its infrastructure, making it unsuitable for locating higher order community infrastructure.

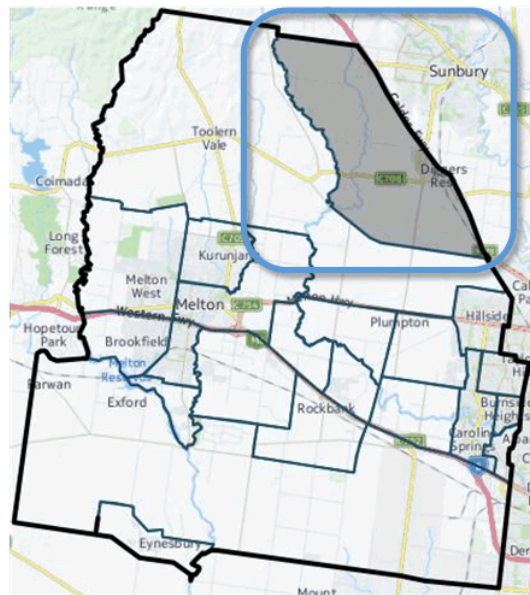


Figure 9: Diggers Rest – forecast.id locality

Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow significantly in coming years from approximately 2,000 residents in 2016 to just short of 14,948 by 2036. The number of four year olds will grow particularly strongly from 2026. The current profile is low density and semi-rural.

Table 7: Locality – Diggers Rest

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	33	55	114	252	335
Total population	2,560	4,297	7,329	10,704	14,948
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	301				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	1				
M&CH consulting rooms	1				
Recreation Space	1				
<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>					
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	84	142	242	353	493
Children's rooms	0.5	0.8	1.7	3.8	5.1
M&CH consulting rooms	0.3	0.5	0.9	1.3	1.9
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	217	159	59	-52	-192
Children's rooms	0.5	0.2	-0.7	-2.8	-4.1
M&CH consulting rooms	0.7	0.5	0.1	-0.3	-0.9

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Community Space

- The existing hall is a large space, though with little suitable for smaller meetings. It is heavily booked by the 'Burras' Football Club during the weekends, leaving little opportunity for other groups to book the space.
- While nominally, the Family Services Centre provides community space, its function as the foyer for the kindergarten makes it unsuitable as quality dedicated community space. The layout of the building makes it hard to program during the day.
- There is currently no neighbourhood house service operating from Diggers Rest, so the future Children's & Community Centre will be developed to operate as a neighbourhood house with substantial community space.

Early Years Infrastructure

The existing single children's room and maternal and child health consulting suite is currently adequate to serve the current population. The future Diggers Rest Children & Community will need to open by 2021. This will provide four children's rooms and a dual M&CH consulting suite.

Recreation Infrastructure

- The Diggers Rest Community Hall is prioritised as a sport pavilion during the AFL season.
- Pavilions at the Recreation Reserve and Northern Playing Fields are prioritised for development in Council's Ten Year Capital Plan.
- An indoor recreation pavilion with a single court is also proposed.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

The Diggers Rest Precinct Structure Plan has been developed. This guides development of community infrastructure.

Discussion

It is likely that development of the Children's & Community centre will be triggered at some point prior to 2022. Recreation pavilions have been scheduled for development in the Ten Year Capital Works Plan. Higher order community infrastructure is not prioritised for Diggers Rest.

Table 7.1 Locality – Diggers Rest Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Family Services Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a fitness for purpose assessment on the facility 	
Diggers Rest Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop four children's rooms and associated amenities in combination with a neighbourhood house with a range of activity rooms 	Develop this facility 2022/24
The Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Pavilion	Develop this facility 2017/20
The Diggers Rest Indoor Recreation Centre	Develop this facility 2024/25
The Davis Road Northern Playing Fields Pavilion	Develop this facility 2025/26

3.6. Eynesbury

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Eynesbury Township is located on the southern boundary of the Melton Local Government Area (LGA), bordering Wyndham LGA along Springhill Road. It is also generally bounded by the Grey Box Forest in the north, the Werribee River the east, and the proposed Eynesbury Station Development in the west. The Township is relatively isolated outside of the Urban Growth Boundary, transport connections are poor and residents are highly car-dependent.

People from within the locality may be expected to access some services in Rockbank, Toolern or Melton Township. It would be unsuitable for locating higher order community infrastructure.

Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow significantly in coming years from approximately 2,080 residents in 2016 to 8,140 residents by 2036. The number of four year olds will triple from 40 in 2016 to 122 in 2036. The current profile is low density semi-rural.

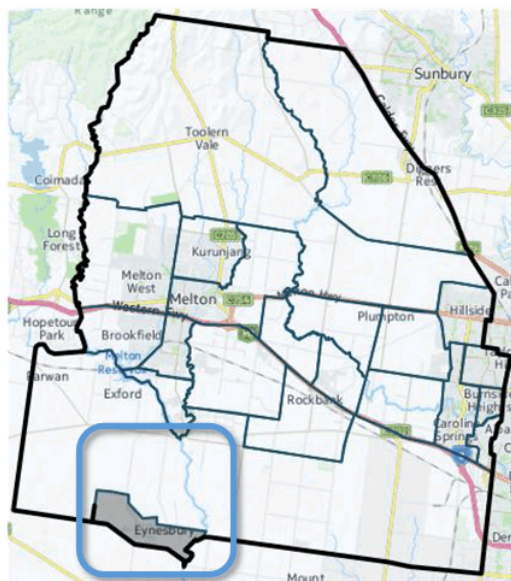


Figure 10: Eynesbury Township – forecast.id locality

Table 8: Locality – Eynesbury Township

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	48	81	126	107	116
Total population	2,676	3,812	5,823	7,021	8,140
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	90				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	0	<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>			
M&CH consulting rooms	1				
Recreation Space	0				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	88	126	192	232	269
Children's rooms	0.7	1.2	1.9	1.6	1.8
M&CH consulting rooms	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.0
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	2	-36	-102	-142	-179
Children's rooms	-0.7	-1.2	-1.9	-1.6	-1.8
M&CH consulting rooms	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0

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Community space

The existing 90m² of space in the Eynesbury Discovery Centre is likely adequate over the short term until development of a neighbourhood house within a Children’s & Community centre is triggered at the release of 1,000 lots. This is anticipated at around 2018/2019.

Early Years Infrastructure

There is a need for two children’s rooms and maternal and child health consulting rooms. The trigger for development in the s 173 clause is 1,500 dwellings, which may be achieved by 2034. This raises questions about how to service the more than 100 four year olds living in Eynesbury Township prior to this time.

Recreation Infrastructure

There is currently no recreation infrastructure. A pavilion will be developed at the release of 1,000 lots and indoor recreation centre will be released at 1,500 lots.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

There is no Relevant Precinct Structure Plan applying, as the small township is outside of the Urban Growth Boundary. Instead, community facilities and services are to be provided according to a schedule in an agreement between the developers of Eynesbury Township and Council under s 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Discussion

There is currently a small community house called the Eynesbury Discovery Centre. At the release of 1,500 lots, development of stage 1 of a Children’s & Community centre and Recreation pavilion will be triggered.

Table 8.1 Locality – Eynesbury Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Eynesbury Children’s & Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to s 173 trigger at 1,500 lots, plan to develop two children’s rooms and professional suites (including for maternal and child health) in stage 1 	Develop stage 1, 2023/24 Develop stage 2, beyond scope of this plan.
Investigate options to service the target population for kindergartens prior to the provision of the above infrastructure	
Eynesbury Central Pavilion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to s 173 trigger at 1,500 lots, develop stage 1. 	Develop stage 1, 2023/24 Develop stage 2, 2029/31

3.7. Hillside

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Hillside is located north of Boronia Drive in the north eastern corner of the Melton LGA, immediately north of Taylors Hill and Caroline Springs and east of the Plumpton Growth Area. It is bisected by the Melton Freeway. It is by now a well-established area, with little potential for further development, and forms part of the Melton East District.

People from within the locality may be expected to access higher level community infrastructure in Caroline Springs.

Hillside Community Profile

The locality is projected to experience moderate population decline over the planning horizon, associated with structural ageing. The number of four year olds will peak in 2021 before declining. The current profile is low to medium density residential.

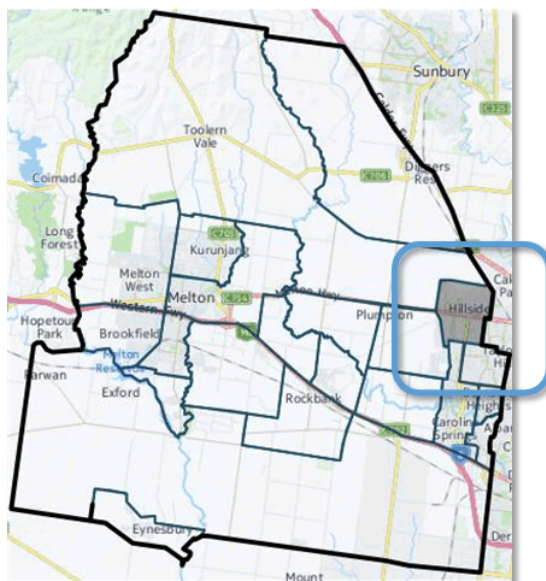


Figure 11: Hillside – forecast.id locality

Table 9: Locality – Hillside

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	192	218	199	147	148
Total population	16,148	15,997	15,614	15,334	15,249
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	311				
Neighbourhood house	1				
Children's rooms	6				
M&CH consulting rooms	4				
Recreation Space	2				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	533	528	515	506	503
Children's rooms	2.9	3.3	3.0	2.2	2.2
M&CH consulting rooms	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-221	-216	-203	-194	-191
Children's rooms	3.1	2.7	3.0	3.8	3.8
M&CH consulting rooms	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1

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Community Space

Hillside Neighbourhood House provides approximately 200m² of programmable activity space, while Parkwood Green Community Centre provides a further 110m² of activity space. No further facilities are proposed for Hillside.

Early Years Infrastructure

- The Parkwood Green Children's & Community Centre includes four children's rooms and two M&CH consulting rooms.
- The Bellevue Hill kindergarten contains a further two children's rooms.
- The Hillside Community Centre also contains two M&CH consulting rooms.
- No further children's rooms are required for Hillside over the planning horizon. The surplus of rooms may provide an opportunity for conversion to another use in the future.

Recreation Infrastructure

The Hillside Sports Pavilion and Parkwood Green Reserve Tennis Pavilion are the only items of recreation infrastructure in Hillside, and no other facilities are proposed.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

There is no Precinct Structure Plan for the locality of Hillside. This is a now largely settled residential suburb.

Discussion

Hillside is largely developed, with no further facilities proposed. In the future, surplus children's rooms may be available for adaptation to another use in response to community demands.

Table 9.1 Locality – Hillside Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
No further new community infrastructure is planned for Hillside	n/a
Undertake evaluation to re-purpose current children's rooms and maternal child health rooms into Community Space to be accessible by 2018.	

3.8. Kurunjang

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Kurunjang is located in the north of the Melton Township District, immediately south of Toolern Vale, north and east of the localities of Melton and Melton West respectively and west of the Toolern Creek. Kurunjang is largely developed, with further potential for development in the far north west above Minns Rd.

People from within the locality may be expected to access higher order community infrastructure within the Melton Town Centre.

Kurunjang Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow slightly in coming years from approximately 10,140 residents in 2016 to 11,331 by 2036. This growth will be concentrated in the north west corner of the locality, within the Melton North PSP area. Residents can currently access developed community infrastructure in adjacent suburbs of Melton and Melton West. The current profile is low density, with significant precincts of rural residential neighbourhoods.

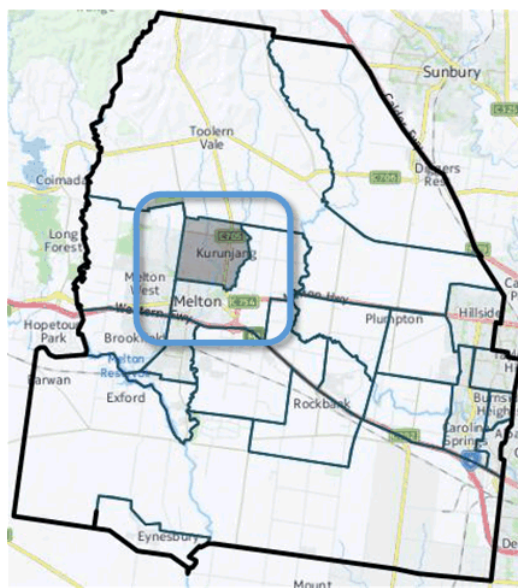


Figure 12: Kurunjang – forecast.id locality

Table 11: Locality – Kurunjang

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	134	163	156	139	135
Total population	10,429	11,461	11,545	11,409	11,331
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	0				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	0				
M&CH consulting rooms	0				
Recreation Space	2				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	344	378	381	376	374
Children's rooms	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.1	2.0
M&CH consulting rooms	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-344	-378	-381	-376	-374
Children's rooms	-2.0	-2.5	-2.4	-2.1	-2.0
M&CH consulting rooms	-1.3	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4

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Community Space

- There is currently no hireable community space in Kurunjang.
- The Melton North Children’s & Community Centre is to be developed by 2022, contingent on construction of access roads. This is planned to be developed to suit a neighbourhood house program.
- Strategic planning work is currently underway to look at providing bookable and programmable space more central to the catchment in the short term.

Early Years Infrastructure

- There are currently no children’s rooms and no maternal and child health consulting suites in Kurunjang, though there is an unused kindergarten building on the grounds of the Heathdale private school.
- There is a present demand for just over two children’s rooms over the planning horizon. This demand is likely met from facilities in the adjacent suburbs of Melton and Melton West presently.
- The future Melton North Children & Community Centre, is to open by 2022 contingent on the availability of access roads, should contain two children’s rooms and a dual consulting room facility.

Recreation Infrastructure

- The Kurunjang Junior Sports Pavilion and Kurunjang House Tennis pavilion are the only recreation facilities in Kurunjang presently.
- The Melton North Pavilion is due to be opened by 2024.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

The Melton North Precinct Structure Plan is a small precinct straddling both Kurunjang and Melton West localities with a future population of about 4,000 residents.

Discussion

The demand demonstrated in Table 11 is likely met from current existing facilities in the adjacent suburbs of Melton and Melton West, further planned development in these suburbs will also provide for residents nearby in Kurunjang. The Melton North Children’s & Community Centre should be designed to contain a neighbourhood house and significant community space, along with two children’s rooms. Alternatively, and subject to strategic work currently underway, a neighbourhood house may be developed in a location more central to the catchment.

Table 11.1 Locality – Kurunjang Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Kurunjang Community Hub	Develop this facility 2017/19
Melton North Children & Community Centre (also servicing Kurunjang) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop two children’s rooms, professional suites and community space on land designated for the facility 	Develop this facility 2020/22
Melton North Pavilion (also servicing Kurunjang)	Develop this facility 2023/24

3.9. Melton

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Melton is located in the centre of the Melton Township District in the north west of the Melton LGA, south and east of the locality of Kurunjang. The south west of the locality is the established and historic town centre of Melton. The north and south east of the locality is light industrial land.

The locality has a disproportionate share of the District and municipality's community infrastructure, befitting its role as the traditional municipal and district centre.

Melton Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow moderately over coming years from approximately 8,328 residents in 2016 to 11,051 by 2036. The number of four year olds will change only slightly over the planning horizon. The current profile is low density residential.

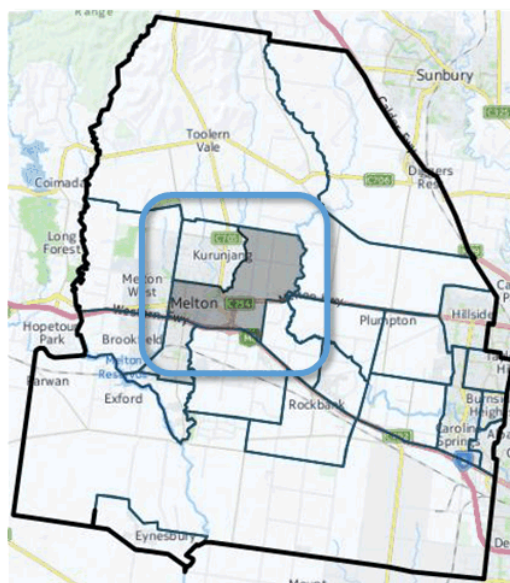


Figure 13: Melton – forecast.id locality

Table 12: Locality – Melton

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	89	126	121	90	112
Total population	8,354	8,624	8,863	9,484	11,051
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	1103				
Neighbourhood house	1				
Children's rooms	3				
M&CH consulting rooms	6				
Recreation Space	2				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	276	285	292	313	365
Children's rooms	1.3	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.7
M&CH consulting rooms	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.4
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	828	819	812	791	739
Children's rooms	1.7	1.1	1.2	1.6	1.3
M&CH consulting rooms	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.6

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Community Space

- The approximately 380 m² of community space added by the Melton Library & Learning Hub is an exceptional and functional space. This is in high demand however, and the focus on 'learning' limits the access of some groups.
- The district level Community Hall is unique within the LGA, capable of hosting larger style events in 420m² of bookable space. This facility has recently been refurbished.
- Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services runs one of only two independently managed neighbourhood houses in the LGA. Further strategic work will be necessary to identify a preferred option when the current lease over the 'Whitehouse' facility on Station Rd expires on 1 September 2019.
- The Darlingsford Barn is a beautiful heritage building, repurposed as a community space. While excellent in some respects, there are time restrictions on use of the facility given its proximity to neighbouring residents.
- Dunvegan Cottage is a charming small venue. It is often booked to provide access to the heritage precinct of the Willows for weddings and other private functions. As such, the opportunity for it to play a more genuinely community development function is limited.
- At both local and district levels, community space provides for a diversity of needs. While there may be a need for refurbishment, fundamentally, there is currently sufficient community infrastructure.

Early Years Infrastructure

- The Black Dog Drive, Kingsway and Melton Central single children kindergarten facilities, along with the community-based Lentara single room facility are older style facilities, but these are sufficient over the planning horizon, and likely catering to unmet needs in other parts of the Melton Township district.
- Similarly, the dual room Maternal and Child Health consulting suites at Kingsway, the Melton Library & Learning Hub and Melton Central are more than sufficient to service the immediate locality, as well as some of the unmet needs in adjacent localities. This is based on the assumption that people are able to travel to the township for these appointments.

Recreation Infrastructure

- Melton Waves is currently one of Council's largest pieces of recreation infrastructure. This has been scheduled for a major renovation from 2021 to 2025.
- The Melton Recreation Reserve Pavilion is the only pavilion in the locality and is being assessed for renewal. No further recreation pavilions are planned.

Specialist infrastructure

- The Melton Youth Centre is a building leased by Council for a peppercorn rent, and currently provides adequately to the desired level of service. As the Melton Township as a whole grows though, the current facility will be stretched.
- The Seniors Centre currently provides sufficient age-friendly social support program space, and this will soon be augmented by the adjacent McKenzie Street age-friendly social support program facility.
- Melton Library & Learning Hub is an exceptional library of regional scale. There are currently no other dedicated cultural facilities in Melton.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

There is no Precinct Structure Plan governing the development of the locality of Melton.

Discussion

Due to the way that Melton Township District has developed, community infrastructure has tended to be concentrated in and around the Major Activity Centre. While the quantity of community infrastructure in Melton is plentiful, it will be challenging to ensure infrastructure remains accessible as the population grows at the outskirts of the township. Also, a legacy of older buildings requires significant refurbishment to provide contemporary fit for purpose community facilities. Further work will be required to assess buildings for their fitness for purpose.

Table 12.1 Locality – Melton Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Conduct fitness for purpose assessments on ageing facilities, including the Melton Recreation Reserve Pavilion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In particular, there will need to be a solution found for the Whitehouse facility prior to the end of the current lease term on 1 September 2019. 	
Melton North Community Centre (also servicing Kurunjang) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop two children's rooms, professional suites and community space on land designated for the facility 	Develop this facility 2020/22
Melton North Pavilion (also servicing Kurunjang and Melton West)	Develop this facility 2023/24
Melton Waves Aquatic Centre Refurbishment	Develop this facility 2021/25
Existing children's rooms likely to also service residents from Melton West.	

3.10. Melton South

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Melton South is located south of the locality of Melton. It is to the north and west of the Toolern Growth Area along Toolern Creek, and north of Denny Place and Rees Road. This is a well-developed urban area that forms part of the Melton Township District.

People from within the locality may be expected to access higher order community infrastructure from the Melton Township, and in the future, the Toolern Major Activity Centre.

Melton South Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow strongly in coming years from approximately 9,621 residents in 2016 to 13,941 by 2036. The number of four year olds will grow moderately until 2026, after which it will decline slightly. The current profile is mostly established urban with some redevelopment potential.

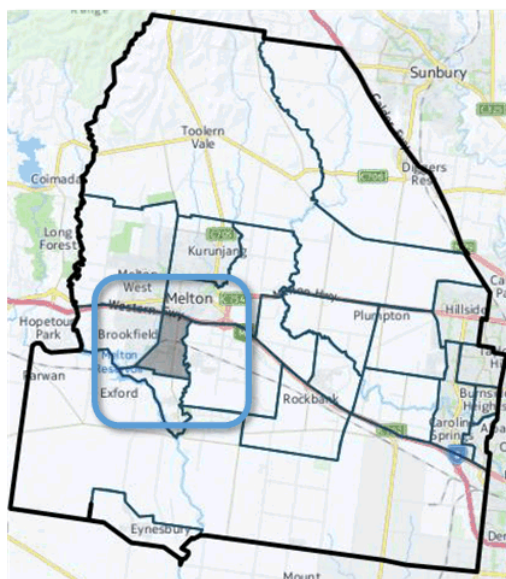


Figure 14: Melton South– forecast.id locality

Table 13: Locality – Melton South

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	116	173	200	175	171
Total population	10,001	11,638	13,249	13,812	13,941
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	442				
Neighbourhood house	1				
Children's rooms	1				
M&CH consulting rooms	1				
Recreation Space	3				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	330	384	437	456	460
Children's rooms	1.8	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.6
M&CH consulting rooms	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	113	59	6	-13	-17
Children's rooms	-0.8	-1.6	-2.0	-1.7	-1.6
M&CH consulting rooms	-0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7

*Green/positive number = adequate or oversupply. Red/negative number = undersupply

Community Space

- The allocation of community space across the DJ Cunningham Centre, Mt Carberry Children’s & Community Centre and Blackwood Drive Hall is adequate across the planning horizon, though there is little available in the catchment for general hire.
- The Melton South Community Centre within the DJ Cunningham Community Centre is one of only two independent neighbourhood house services operating in the LGA.
- The level of embellishment of each of these buildings is also quite basic, and the buildings are likely to need renovation and adaptation over the planning horizon.

Early Years Infrastructure

The single kindergarten and M&CH consulting room may be insufficient over the planning horizon, though this is most likely best met through the capacity in adjoining localities such as Melton, Toolern and Brookfield.

Recreation Infrastructure

There are three recreation pavilions in Melton South: the Melton South Pavilion, DJ Cunningham Pavilion in the Mt Carberry Reserve and the Blackwood Drive Recreation Reserve Pavilion. No further pavilions are planned.

Specialist Infrastructure

Kirrip House is a converted dwelling that provides an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service Hub. It is intended for this to be occupied by Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation for an initial period of five years, after which the State Government may look to facilitate a longer term solution for Kirrip.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

A Melton South Structure Plan is being prepared by Council to guide future development.

Discussion

- While there is insufficient justification presently for additional community infrastructure, the Melton South locality is a growing area with high social needs. Its existing assets are ageing, and provided to a low level of embellishment. At some point during the planning horizon, there is likely to be a need to upgrade the Mt Carberry facility and the Whitehouse building leased to Djerriwarrh Education and Training.
- The likelihood is that unmet demand for early years services within the catchment will need to be serviced from Brookfield, Toolern or Melton facilities, placing residents of Melton South at risk of poor access.

Table 13.1 Locality – Melton South Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Conduct fitness for purpose assessments on ageing facilities including Blackwood Drive.	
Consider residents in Melton South and Melton West are likely to require the early year’s infrastructure of Brookfield and Melton central by 2021 if no locality specific infrastructure is developed.	

3.11.Melton West

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Melton West is located in the north western part of the Melton Township District and the LGA, north of the Western Freeway and south of Toolern Vale. The south east quarter of the locality is developed and urban, but the remainder will host significant population growth.

People from within the locality may be expected to access higher order community infrastructure in the Melton District activity centre.

Melton West Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow rapidly over the planning horizon from 17,424 residents in 2016 to 28,272 by 2036. The number of four year olds will grow only moderately though, as the proportion declines from 1.8% of the population to 1.3%.

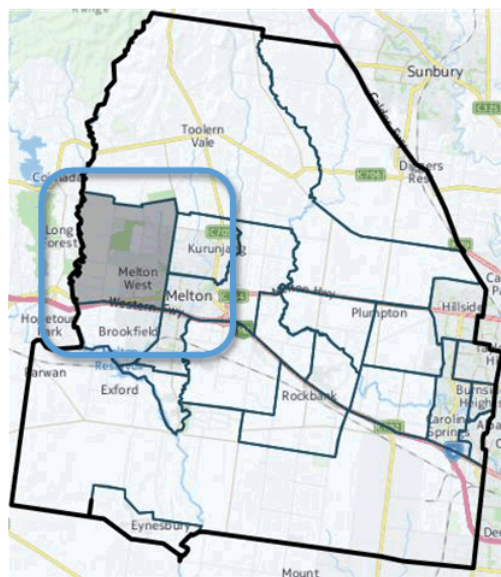


Figure 15: Melton West – forecast.id locality

Table 14: Locality – Melton West

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	248	345	370	324	370
Total population	18,024	20,302	23,046	25,252	28,272
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	234				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	4	<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>			
M&CH consulting rooms	4				
Recreation Space	4				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	595	670	761	833	933
Children's rooms	3.8	5.2	5.6	4.9	5.6
M&CH consulting rooms	2.3	2.5	2.9	3.2	3.5
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-361	-436	-527	-599	-699
Children's rooms	0.2	-1.2	-1.6	-0.9	-1.6
M&CH consulting rooms	1.7	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.5

*Green/positive number = adequate or oversupply. Red/negative number = undersupply

Community Space

- The Arnolds Creek Children’s & Community Centre is the most significant community space in the locality, with a variety of community activity rooms available.
- The Melton West Children’s & Community Centre provides only a very basic community room, unsuitable for many functions during the day.
- The small but emerging gap in provision may be met through district level space in the Melton locality.
- There is currently no neighbourhood house serving Melton West or the adjacent localities of Brookfield or Kurunjang. This will likely have to be addressed through further strategic work.

Early Years Infrastructure

- There are two children’s rooms in each of the Arnolds Creek Children’s & Community Centre, Melton West Children’s & Community Centre and the Cambrian Kindergarten, providing sufficient children’s rooms in 2017 however over the planning horizon more may be needed, alternatively accessed in the adjacent suburb of Brookfield.
- There are dual room maternal and child health consulting suites in each of the first two of these facilities, which is also sufficient over the planning horizon.

Recreation Infrastructure

- Melton Indoor Recreation Centre is currently one of Council’s largest pieces of recreation infrastructure. Further strategic work is currently being undertaken to determine the future of this asset when the existing Joint Use Agreement regarding the Centre expires in October 2019.
- The Arnolds Creek Recreation Reserve contains a Community pavilion, along with the tennis social space within the Arnolds Creek Children’s & Community Centre. The Melton West Tennis Pavilion is the only other pavilion in Melton West currently. Further projects may be planned with the adoption of future Precinct Structure Plans.
- The Melton North PSP identifies development of a Recreation Pavilion.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

Melton North PSP covers a small corner of the Melton West locality. The Bulmans Road and Melton West PSPs (the latter covers both Melton West and Brookfield localities) are yet to be developed.

Discussion

The main requirement in Melton West is for access to a neighbourhood house service. There may be an opportunity to extend the existing Arnolds Creek facility. This will need to be considered in the development of the Bulmans Road and Melton West PSPs.

Table 14.1 Locality – Melton West Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Undertake evaluation in adjacent suburbs, for appropriate timing to re-purpose current children’s rooms and maternal child health rooms into Community Space to be accessible by 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider residents in Melton South and Melton West are likely to require the early year’s infrastructure of Brookfield and Melton central by 2021 if no locality specific infrastructure is developed. 	
Identify opportunities to develop a neighbourhood house.	
Undertake strategic work to determine the future of the Joint Use Agreement for the Melton Indoor Recreation Centre.	
Melton North Pavilion (also servicing Kurunjang and Melton West)	Develop this facility 2023/24

3.12. North & South Rural Areas

Geographic Context

The Rural Areas to the north and south of Melton LGA are, by their very nature, sparsely populated. People living in these areas are expected to exert some distributed demand for community infrastructure, but demand is insufficiently concentrated to warrant large investments in community infrastructure in these locations.

The exception to this is the Greenfield area of Mt Atkinson and Tarneit Plains, subject to Precinct Structure Plans for urban expansion.

Rural Areas, Community Profile

The population is projected to grow moderately in the short to medium term. The current profile is low density and semi-rural.

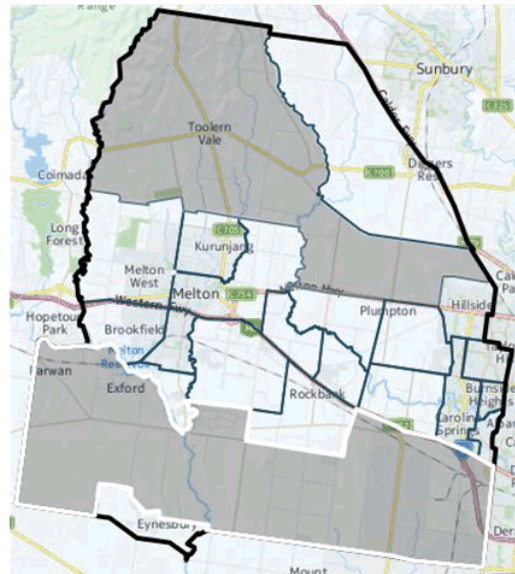


Figure 16: Mt Atkinson & Rural – forecast.id locality

Table 15: Locality – North & South Rural Areas (inc. Mt Atkinson)

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	5	33	113	241	339
Total population	2,697	3,523	5,618	9,109	13,071
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	110				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	1				
M&CH consulting rooms	1				
Recreation Space	8				
<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>					
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	89	116	185	301	431
Children's rooms	0.1	0.5	1.7	3.7	5.1
M&CH consulting rooms	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.6
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	21	-6	-75	-191	-321
Children's rooms	0.9	0.5	-0.7	-2.7	-4.1
M&CH consulting rooms	0.7	0.6	0.3	-0.1	-0.6

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Community and Early Years Infrastructure

- The Toolern Vale Hall is a State Government asset managed by Council as a committee of management. It provides a significant quantity of community space for its remote location. This facility is old and needs significant refurbishment.
- There are otherwise no children's rooms or maternal and child health rooms currently located in the rural areas.
- Mt Atkinson will also require two children and community centres, along with a neighbourhood house in the Mt Atkinson activity centre.

Recreation Infrastructure

- MacPherson Park in Toolern Vale contains a large number of separate pavilions focussed on particular recreational interests. A Future Directions Paper is to be prepared in 2017 to set the strategic direction and vision for development of the reserve. The reserve contains:
 - Jetboat Pavilion
 - Greyhound Pavilion
 - Rugby Pavilion
 - Soccer Pavilion
 - Pigeon Pavilion
 - Baseball Pavilion
 - Pavilions for Ovals 1 and 2
- The Mt Atkinson and Tarnait Plains PSP provide for development of three community sports pavilions; West in 2027, East in 2034/36 and North beyond 2036.
- The Mt Atkinson Indoor Recreation Facility will also be developed beyond 2036.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

The Mt Atkinson and Tarnait Plains PSP will cover a part of the currently rural areas.

Discussion

As above, the Mt Atkinson and Tarnait Plains PSP will require future community infrastructure. A Future Directions Paper will be prepared in 2017 to determine the preferred future of McPherson Park. Otherwise, rural areas are generally inappropriate for further community infrastructure investments.

Table 15.1 Locality – North and South Rural Areas Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Refurbish the Toolern Vale Hall	
Conduct a strategic review of the MacPherson Park Recreation Reserve in order to determine more specific recommendations for the development of the reserve	
Mt Atkinson Central Community Centre	Develop this facility 2027/29
Mt Atkinson East Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2034/36
Mt Atkinson North Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Mt Atkinson West Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2027/28
Mt Atkinson Indoor Recreation Facility	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Mt Atkinson Community Centre 1 West	Develop this facility 2021/23
Mt Atkinson Community Centre 2 East	Develop this facility beyond 2036

3.13. Plumpton Growth Area

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Plumpton Growth Area is located to the west of the Melton East District, south of the Melton Freeway and north of the Western Freeway. It contains significant amounts of Greenfield development land, as well as the fast developing Taylors Hill West PSP area.

People from within the locality may initially be expected to access community infrastructure in the Caroline Springs area until higher order community infrastructure is developed within the locality.

Plumpton Growth Area Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow nearly tenfold from 4,200 in 2016 and 37,707 in 2036. The current profile of the area is Greenfield and rural. The existing population is concentrated in the Taylors Hill West Precinct Structure Plan area alongside the existing Melton East District, the development of which is nearing completion. The remainder of the area is divided between Plumpton PSP in the north and Kororoit in the south. A large piece of land in the south east of the area is future industrial land, with no projected future population.

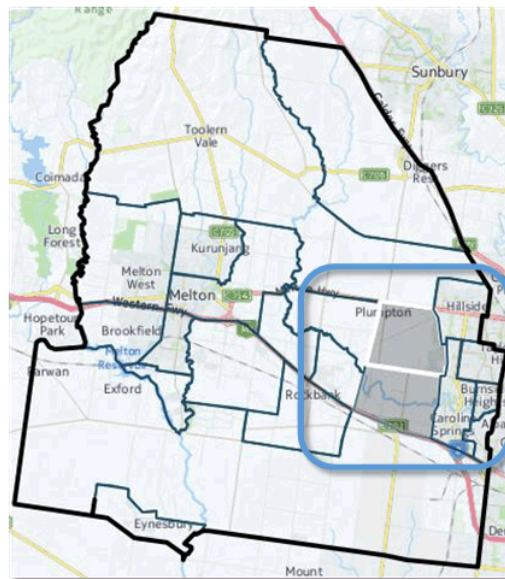


Figure 17: Plumpton Growth Area– forecast.id locality

Table 16: Locality – Plumpton (inc. Taylors Hill West PSP & Plumpton PSP, and Kororoit PSP aka Deanside)

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	109	242	363	565	755
Total population	5,282	8,821	17,183	27,499	37,707
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	0				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	0				
M&CH consulting rooms	0				
Recreation Space	0				
<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>					
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	174	291	567	907	1,244
Children's rooms	1.7	3.7	5.5	8.6	11.4
M&CH consulting rooms	0.7	1.1	2.1	3.4	4.7
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-174	-291	-567	-907	-1244
Children's rooms	-1.7	-3.7	-5.5	-8.6	-11.4
M&CH consulting rooms	-0.7	-1.1	-2.1	-3.4	-4.7

*Green/positive number = adequate or oversupply. Red/negative number = undersupply

Community Space and Early Years Infrastructure

There is currently no community space or early years facilities in the locality. Future projects will be:

- The Taylors Hill West Children & Community Centre
- Three level 1 children's and community centres in Plumpton
- Two level 1 children's and community centres in Kororoit
- One level 2 children's and community centre in Plumpton
- One level 2 children's and community centre in Kororoit
- A level 3 civic centre building in Plumpton, providing district level community space

Recreation Infrastructure

There is currently no recreation infrastructure in the locality. Future projects will be:

- The Taylors Hill West Recreation Pavilion
- Five Recreation Pavilions in Plumpton
- Four Recreation Pavilions in Kororoit
- The Deanside indoor recreation facility in Plumpton
- An aquatic centre in Plumpton

Specialist Infrastructure

- The ultimate population at full build out of the locality will be a district with an equivalent population to that of the present day Melton Township and Melton East districts.
- It is likely that the level 3 civic centre project in Plumpton will include, within a single building or precinct, a library, dedicated youth space, and age friendly, social support program space.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

The Plumpton Growth Area locality is comprised of three PSP areas: Plumpton, Kororoit and Taylors Hill West. The first of these is yet to be gazetted, while the later has guided development of a nearly completed suburb.

Discussion

As discussed above, a range of projects have been identified through relevant Precinct Structure Plans. Residents in the Plumpton Growth Area may access existing infrastructure in the adjacent established suburbs of Caroline Springs, however this will not be adequate over the planning horizon.

Table 16.1 Locality – Plumpton Growth Area Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Community Space & Children's Rooms	
Taylors Hill West Children's & Community Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with four children's rooms, professional suites and a level 1 community space 	Develop this facility 2017/20
Plumpton Community Centre 2 Central	Develop this facility 2019/21
Kororoit Community Centre 7	Develop this facility 2020/22
Kororoit Community Centre 6 "Deanside"	Develop this facility 2025/27
Plumpton Community Centre 4 East	Develop this facility 2027/29
Kororoit Community Centre 8	Develop this facility 2034/36
Plumpton Community Centre 5 West	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Develop a level 3 Civic Centre building in Plumpton, providing district level community space (may be needed by 2034/36) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In combination with the civic centre, develop a library, dedicated youth space, and age-friendly, social support program space 	
Recreation	
Taylors Hill West Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2016/18
Plumpton North Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2020/21
Plumpton Aquatic Centre	Develop this facility 2021/25
Plumpton East Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2025/26
Plumpton South Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2028/29
Plumpton Town Centre Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2032/33
Plumpton West Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Deanside Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2034/35
Deanside Indoor Recreation Centre	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Kororoit West Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Kororoit Local Town Centre Pavilion	Develop this facility 2023/24
Kororoit East Pavilion	Develop this facility 2029/30

3.14. Rockbank Growth Area

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Rockbank is located south of the Western Freeway, between the Melton Township and Melton East Districts. It includes the established small township of Rockbank.

Transport connections along the rail and highways are good, though public transport services are still presently limited.

People from within the locality may access community infrastructure outside of Rockbank. Residents from Eynesbury Township in particular access community infrastructure within the township.

Rockbank Growth Area Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow significantly in coming years from approximately 1,029 residents in 2016 to 28,452 by 2036. The current profile is low density and semi-rural.

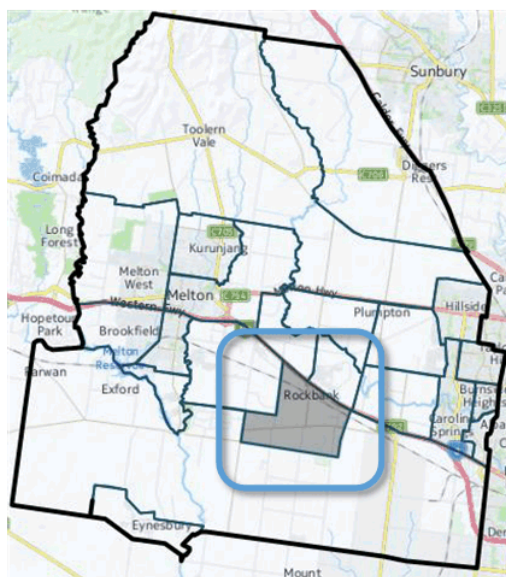


Figure 18: Rockbank Growth Area – forecast.id locality

Table 17: Locality – Rockbank Growth Area

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	13	38	151	344	522
Total population	1,025	2,370	8,220	18,009	28,452
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	138				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	1	<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>			
M&CH consulting rooms	1				
Recreation Space	1				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	34	78	271	594	939
Children's rooms	0.2	0.6	2.3	5.2	7.9
M&CH consulting rooms	0.1	0.3	1.0	2.3	3.6
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	104	60	-133	-456	-801
Children's rooms	0.8	0.4	-1.3	-4.2	-6.9
M&CH consulting rooms	0.9	0.7	0.0	-1.3	-2.6

*Green/positive number = adequate or oversupply. Red/negative number = undersupply

Community Space

- The Rockbank Community Hall provides approximately 138 square metres of hireable space. The hall is a valuable asset for the Rockbank community, though the size of the site prevents future expansion. The kitchen is due to be refurbished in the 2016/17 financial year.
- A small part of the Ian Cowie Recreation Reserve Pavilion is also available as community space when the facility is not in use as a sports pavilion.
- In the future, an additional level 1, level 2 and level 3 community centre will be developed in Rockbank.

Early Years Infrastructure

- The Rockbank Family Services Centre provides Rockbank’s only children’s room and maternal and child health consulting room presently.
- A further seven children’s rooms will be required over the planning horizon at the future level 1 and 2 centre sites. Each of these centres will also provide maternal and child health rooms.
- While the Rockbank community will not exert demand for additional children’s rooms until 2023, construction should be brought forward to account for some overflow from Eynesbury prior to development of early years infrastructure there.

Recreation Infrastructure

- The Ian Cowie Recreation Reserve Pavilion is currently the only pavilion in Rockbank. A further four pavilions, along with an indoor recreation centre, have been identified for provision in Rockbank.
- Relevant Precinct Structure Plan
- The Rockbank Growth Area PSP is the relevant Precinct Structure Plan governing development of the bulk of this locality.

Discussion

Like other Greenfield Growth areas, future community infrastructure projects have been identified through the PSP process.

Table 17.1 Locality – Rockbank Growth Area Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Rockbank Community Centre East	Develop this facility 2019/21
Rockbank Community Centre	Develop this facility 2030/32
Rockbank East Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2027/28
Rockbank West Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2031/33
Rockbank North Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Rockbank South Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Rockbank Indoor Recreation Centre	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Rockbank Central Community Centre and Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community hall, with library, youth space, and age-friendly social support program space 	Develop this facility 2030/32

3.15. Rockbank North Growth Area

Geographical Context

The forecast locality of Rockbank North Growth Area is located north of the Western Highway and south of the Melton Freeway, between the Melton Township and Melton East Districts. It is situated west of the Plumpton Growth Area.

People from within the locality may initially seek to access higher order community infrastructure from within the Melton East District, but may ultimately look to the Plumpton Town Centre.

Rockbank North Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow significantly in coming years from approximately 444 residents in 2016 to 35,296 by 2036. The number of four year olds will grow particularly strongly from 2026. The current profile is low density and semi-rural.

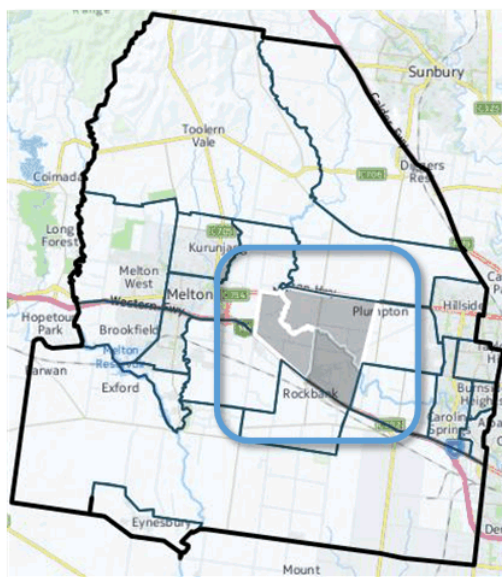


Figure 19: Rockbank North Growth Area – forecast.id locality

Table 18: Locality – Rockbank North Growth Area (inc. Aintree, Warrensbrook PSP & Melton East future PSP)

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	27	124	282	488	743
Total population	1,145	5,949	12,745	22,798	35,296
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	0				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	0				
M&CH consulting rooms	0				
Recreation Space	0				
<i>Refer to Recommendations section</i>					
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	38	196	421	752	1,165
Children's rooms	0.4	1.9	4.3	7.4	11.3
M&CH consulting rooms	0.1	0.7	1.6	2.8	4.4
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-38	-196	-421	-752	-1165
Children's rooms	-0.4	-1.9	-4.3	-7.4	-11.3
M&CH consulting rooms	-0.1	-0.7	-1.6	-2.8	-4.4

*Green/positive number = adequate or oversupply. Red/negative number = undersupply

Community and Early Years Infrastructure

There is presently no community infrastructure in Rockbank North. Future projects will include community space, maternal and child health consulting suites and children’s rooms at a level 1 and level 2 facility.

Recreation Infrastructure

- There are currently no pavilions, though the Woodlea Recreation Pavilion is currently under construction and a further two are to be developed over the planning horizon.
- An aquatic and indoor recreation centre has also been identified for development in the town centre.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

The adopted Rockbank North PSP is the relevant Precinct Structure Plan for the south eastern corner of the locality. The Melton East (future) and Warrensbrook PSP areas will govern the rural areas when they are developed.

Discussion

Like other Greenfield growth areas, projects have been identified through the PSP.

Table 18.1 Locality – Rockbank North Growth Area Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Rockbank North Community Centre 1	Develop this facility 2019/21
Rockbank North Community Centre 2	Develop this facility 2032/34
Rockbank North Recreation Pavilion “Woodlea”	Develop this facility 2018
Rockbank North Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2024/25
Rockbank North Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2035/36
Rockbank North Aquatic and Indoor Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Rockbank North Central Community Centre (level 3)	Develop this facility 2026/28

3.16. Taylors Hill Growth Area

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Taylors Hill is located in the north eastern corner of the LGA, north and east of Caroline Springs, south of Hillside and west of the Brimbank LGA. It forms part of the Melton East District. Residents of Taylors Hill may be expected to access some higher order community infrastructure in Caroline Springs.

Taylors Hills Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow moderately in coming years from approximately 13,999 residents in 2016 to 14,457, before declining through structural ageing to 12,543 by 2036. The number of four year olds will grow particularly strongly from 2026. The current profile is low density and semi-rural.

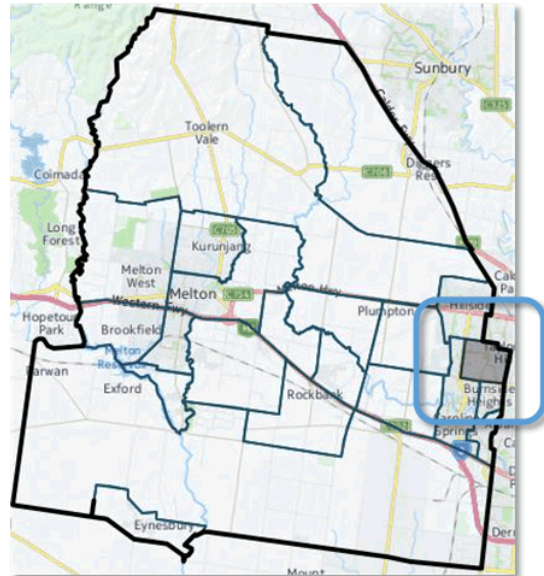


Figure 20: Taylors Hill – forecast.id locality

Table 19: Locality – Taylors Hill

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	206	241	166	119	118
Total population	14,238	14,531	13,683	12,780	12,543
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	140				
Neighbourhood house	1				
Children's rooms	2				
M&CH consulting rooms	1				
Recreation Space	1				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	470	480	452	422	414
Children's rooms	3.1	3.7	2.5	1.8	1.8
M&CH consulting rooms	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.6
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	-329	-339	-311	-281	-273
Children's rooms	-1.1	-1.7	-0.5	0.2	0.2
M&CH consulting rooms	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6

*Green/positive number = adequate or oversupply. Red/negative number = undersupply

Community and Early Years Infrastructure

The Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre provides about 140 square metres of community space in combination with the Taylors Hill Neighbourhood House Program.

Recreation Infrastructure

The Pavilion as part of the Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre is the only one currently and no further pavilions are planned.

Specialist Infrastructure

- The Moreton Homestead is an age friendly social support program facility in a beautifully restored heritage building.
- The Taylors Hill Youth & Community Centre also provides a base of operations for the Council's youth service in the Melton East District.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

There is no PSP for Taylors Hill.

Discussion

Taylors Hill is now largely developed, with no further facilities proposed.

Table 19.1 Locality – Taylors Hill Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Undertake evaluation in adjacent suburb Caroline Springs, for appropriate timing to re-purpose current children's rooms and maternal child health rooms into Community Space to be accessible by 2031.	
Investigate options to service the target population for kindergartens until 2026	

3.17. Toolern Growth Area

Geographic Context

The forecast.id locality of Toolern Growth Area is located south of the Melton Freeway, between the Melton Township and Melton East Districts. In particular, Toolern Residential Area one to the west of the creek, including the suburb of Weir Views, is distinct from the Toolern growth area, which includes Strahtulloh and Cobblebank. It is designated as a Metropolitan Activity Centre. As it develops, it will require significant higher order community infrastructure.

Toolern Community Profile

The locality is projected to grow significantly in coming years from approximately 1,357 residents in 2016 to 34,836 by 2036. The number of four year olds is projected to grow from 32 in 2016 to 680 by 2036. The current profile is Greenfield, low density.

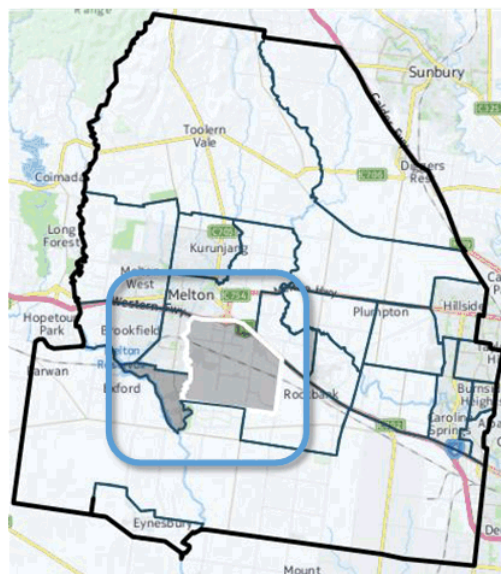


Figure 21: Toolern – forecast.id locality

Table 20: Locality – Toolern Growth Area

	2017	2021	2026	2031	2036
Projected Population Growth					
4 year olds	43	139	297	457	496
Total population	2,137	7,039	16,562	27,432	34,836
Existing Infrastructure (as at 2016)					
Community space (m ²)	147				
Neighbourhood house	0				
Children's rooms	4				
M&CH consulting rooms	2				
Recreation Space	1				
Benchmarking Results (need based on population size & desired standards of service)					
Community space (m ²)	71	232	547	905	1,150
Children's rooms	0.7	2.1	4.5	6.9	7.5
M&CH consulting rooms	0.3	0.9	2.1	3.4	4.4
Community Infrastructure Gap Analysis (need minus existing)					
Community space (m ²)	76	-85	-400	-758	-1003
Children's rooms	3.3	1.9	-0.5	-2.9	-3.5
M&CH consulting rooms	1.7	1.1	-0.1	-1.4	-2.4

*Green/positive number = adequate or oversupply. Red/negative number = undersupply

Community and Early Years Infrastructure

- The Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre provides 147m2 of community meeting space, two maternal and child health rooms and four children's rooms, one of which is an occasional care room. In the future, this facility should be activated as a neighbourhood house, which may require an assessment of the facility's fitness for this purpose.
- In the future, a further three level 1 children's & community centres, two level 2 community centres and a district-level civic centre with hall will be required.

Recreation Infrastructure

The Bridge Road Hockey & Athletics Pavilion is presently the only recreation pavilion in Toolern. Seven further pavilions and an indoor recreation centre have been identified for development in the future.

Specialist Infrastructure

- Within the future district level 3 centre, a library, age-friendly social support program space and youth space will be required. This may be in a single building or a precinct.
- Land should also be preserved for provision of a level 5 metropolitan performing arts centre in the future.

Relevant Precinct Structure Plan

The Toolern Precinct Structure Plan governs development of the area.

Discussion

Like other Greenfield Growth areas, future community infrastructure projects have been identified through the PSP process.

Table 20.1 Locality – Toolern Growth Area Recommendations

Recommendations	Planned Project (refer Appendix 2)
Toolern Community Centre 3	Develop this facility 2025/28
Toolern Community Centre 4	Develop this facility 2034/36
Toolern Recreation Pavilion 4	Develop this facility 2030/32
Toolern Community Centre 5	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Toolern Kinder (on school land)	Develop this facility 2030/31
Toolern Recreation Pavilion 5	Develop this facility 2026/27
Paynes Road Community Centre	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Paynes Road Recreation Pavilion	Develop this facility 2028/29
Toolern Recreation Pavilion 7	Develop this facility 2032/33
Toolern Indoor Recreation Centre	Develop this facility beyond 2036
Performing Arts Centre (land purchase)	Land purchase 2025/26
Toolern Civic Centre & Library	Develop this facility 2026/28
Convert the existing Bridge Road children's & community centre into a neighbourhood house	

Appendix 1: Project Methodology

The methodology used to develop this plan involved the following steps:

1. Scope infrastructure types

This involves identifying the range of service and facility types within the scope of this plan.

The types of community infrastructure considered within the scope of this needs analysis include:

- Community spaces, centres and halls
- Neighbourhood houses, community hubs and office space for CSOs
- Children's Rooms (additional consideration will be needed where co-located in Schools)
- Maternal and Child Health consulting suites
- Youth Centres
- Seniors Centres and dedicated space for age friendly social support programs
- Libraries
- Recreation and leisure pavilions (to be aligned with open space planning practice)
- Other cultural facilities including community arts centres, art galleries, performing arts venues and museums

2. Define an infrastructure hierarchy

Generally, community infrastructure can be classified into a hierarchy, with lower order infrastructure serving local needs, and higher order infrastructure provided at district level or higher.

Some infrastructure types can be provided at different levels of hierarchy.

3. Define service catchments

Service catchments refer both to a geographical area and the population in that area (usually resident or otherwise present).

Generally, this will refer to a contiguous area, defined either culturally or by reference to geographical boundaries.

An important aspect of defining service catchments is access to relevant data, such as population projections.

4. Benchmark (standard of service)

Infrastructure benchmarks are researched from a variety of sources, and ultimately refined according to local preferences and conditions as 'desired standards of service'. It will generally be the role of individual Service Units to establish these.

5. Assess capacity of existing infrastructure

It is generally the case that, before any new infrastructure is provided, existing infrastructure is assessed in terms of its function, as well as its fitness for purpose.

6. Need assessment/gap analysis

Application of desired standards of service to the projected population in catchments reveals an indication of need. This is then considered in the light of existing infrastructure to identify gaps in provision.

7. Project proposal

Once the need for infrastructure has been identified, it can be addressed in a variety of ways. This might involve building new infrastructure as a stand-alone facility, building a hub to meet the needs of multiple services, or modifying existing infrastructure.

This is best done by explicitly developing options in order to explore synergies and conflicts, ultimately to inform decision-making.

8. Prioritisation of needs, scheduling etc.

The prioritisation of needs will be suggested in the Plan, but the scheduling of projects will ultimately be made by Council's Executive Team on the recommendation of the Capital Works Planning Committee.

Appendix 2: Community Infrastructure Projects Schedule

Project ID	Capital Project	Hierarchy level	Children's rooms	M&CH Rooms	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	Facilities out of scope
Brookfield																									
Melton	5214 Botanica Springs Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0					X																
	5176 Melton Waves Aquatic Centre Refurbishment	1	0	0						X		X													
Kurunjang	5076 Melton North Recreation Pavilion	1	2	2						X															
	Kurunjang House	2	0	0			X																		
	5098 Toolem Community Centre 1	2	2	2			X																		
Toolem	5011 Toolem (Hub 1) Recreation Pavilion 1	1	0	0											X										
Res area 1 PSP (Weir Views)	5077 Toolem Community Centre 2	1	2	2												X									
	5090 Toolem Recreation Pavilion 2	1	0	0						X															
	5100 Toolem (Hub 2) Recreation Pavilion 3	1	0	0				X																	
	5099 Toolem Community Centre 3	1	2	2										X		X									
	5157 Toolem Community Centre 4	2	2	2																				X	
	5203 Toolem Recreation Pavilion 4	1	0	0														X							
	5101 Toolem Community Centre 5	1	2	0															X						
Toolem	5125 Toolem Kinder (on school land)	1	0	0											X										
rural area PSP (Strathulloh & Cobblebank)	5182 Toolem Recreation Pavilion 5	1	2	2																					
	Paynes Rd Community Centre	1	2	2																					
	Paynes Rd Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																					
	Toolem Recreation Pavilion 7	1	0	0																					
	Toolem Park Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																					
	Toolem Indoor Recreation Centre	4	0	0																					
	Performing Arts Centre (land purchase)	4	0	0																					
	Toolem Civic Centre & Library	3	0	0																					
Burnside	5114 Burnside Community Centre Stage 2	1	0	0			X	X	X																
Caroline Springs	Caroline Springs Civic Centre & Library stage 2	3	0	0						X															
Taylor's Hill West PSP (Fraser Rise)	5015 Taylor's Hill West Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0			X																		
	5014 Taylor's Hill West Community Centre	1	4	2			X	X	X																
	Deanside Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																					
	Deanside Indoor Recreation Centre	4	0	0																					
Koroit PSP (Deanside)	Koroit West Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																					
	Koroit Local Town Centre Pavilion	1	0	0								X													
	Koroit East Pavilion	1	0	0																					
	Koroit Community Centre 7	1	2	2					X																
	Koroit Community Centre 8	1	2	2																					
	Koroit Community Centre 6 "Deanside"	2	2	2										X											

	Hierarchy	Level	Children's Rooms	M&CH Rooms	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	10 year										Facilities out of scope									
										2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31		2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36				
Plumpton	Plumpton North Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0					X																				
	Plumpton East Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0											X														
	Plumpton Town Centre Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Plumpton West Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Plumpton South Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Plumpton Community Centre 4 East	1	2	2																									
	Plumpton Community Centre 5 - West	1	2	0																									
	Plumpton Community Centre 2 - Central	2	2	0					X	X																			
	Plumpton Aquatic Centre	4	0	0																									
	5242	Rockbank Community Centre East	1	2	2					X																			
Rockbank	Rockbank Community Centre South	2	2	2																									
	Rockbank East Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Rockbank West Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Rockbank North Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Rockbank South Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Rockbank Indoor Recreation Centre	3	0	0																									
	Rockbank Central Community Centre & Library	3	0	0																									
	Mt Atkinson Community Centre 1 West	1	3	2																									
	Mt Atkinson Community Centre 2 East	1	2	2																									
	Mt Atkinson West Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
North and South Rural Areas (Mt Atkinson PSP, Truganina)	Mt Atkinson North Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Mt Atkinson East Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Mt Atkinson Indoor Recreation Facility	3	0	0																									
	Mt Atkinson Central Community Centre	2	0	0																									
	Rockbank North Community Centre 1	1	2	2																									
	Rockbank North Community Centre 2	2	2	2																									
	Rockbank North Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Rockbank North Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Rockbank North Aquatic & Indoor Recreation Centre	3	0	0																									
	Rockbank North Central Community Centre	3	0	0																									
Rockbank North PSP (Aintree)	Davis Rd Northern Playing Fields Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve Recreation Pavilion	1	0	0																									
	Diggers Rest Indoor Recreation Centre	4	0	0																									
	Diggers Rest Community Centre	2	4	2																									
Diggers Rest	Eynesbury Recreation Pavilion - stage 1	1	0	0																									
	Eynesbury Recreation Pavilion - stage 2	1	0	0																									
	Eynesbury L2 Community Centre - stage 1	2	2	2																									
	Eynesbury L2 Community Centre - stage 2	2	0	0																									
Eynesbury Township																													

Appendix 3: Community Infrastructure Plan Map

