

Media Release

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REVAMPED RECREATIONAL SPACE FOR WALLAN COMMUNITY

Wallan families can now enjoy a newly revamped reserve, supported by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Suburban Development Ros Spence today officially opened the upgraded playground at Greenhill Recreation Reserve, made possible by a \$110,000 investment from the Labor Government's *Growing Suburbs Fund*.

The playground features new equipment including two multi-purpose play units, climbing rocks, double swings and logs for nature play. More trees have been planted around the space, providing locals a cool, sheltered canopy.

Newly installed seating and furniture will allow parents and carers to keep a close eye on their little ones, and provide a space where community members of all ages and abilities can gather and socialise, while enjoying the outdoors.

The completed project reflects local needs and provides a place to help strengthen community connections, while encouraging greater recreation activities for Wallan residents.

Mitchell Shire Council also contributed \$75,000 to the project.

The *Growing Suburbs Fund* has supported 346 projects representing a total infrastructure investment of more than \$1.2 billion, creating over 11,340 jobs.

Through the *2023/24 Budget*, the Government is investing another \$18.9 million to support suburbs across metropolitan Melbourne with a range of initiatives, including \$10 million for the *Growing Suburbs Fund* to support the delivery of critical local infrastructure in Melbourne's fastest-growing communities.

A new round of the *Growing Suburbs Fund* is currently open, with applications closing on 20 October.

For more information, visit suburbandevlopment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Suburban Development Ros Spence

"It's wonderful to see the Greenhill Recreation Reserve upgrades complete and ready to service our local community with a welcoming and more inclusive space."

"Crucial community infrastructure projects in growing communities like Wallan are improving liveability, bringing families together and boosting local economies."