



The suburb of Mill Park is split into two precinct areas: Mill Park and Blossom Park.

Mill Park takes its name from the property of George and Francis Coulstock who built and operated a flour mill on the Plenty River in the 1840s. They sold to the Hon. Henry Miller, MLC, who bred racehorses and conducted a range of dairy and grazing activities.

Planning and development

Mill Park covers an area of approximately nine square kilometres. It is primarily a residential area, with some commercial land areas. Rapid residential development took place from the 1980s into the early 1990s.

More information

All planning and development plans, can be viewed at Council's website.





Population

In 2015, it is estimated 24,700 people live in Mill Park with an expected increase of 4 per cent by 2036 to 25,700.

The largest increase in population growth between 2015 and 2036 will occur in the 60 plus age group with an increase of 47 per cent.

Births

In 2015 there will be an estimated 327 births (six births per week on average) and this is expected to remain constant to 2036.

Diversity

Forty per cent of residents speak a language other than English at home and the most common languages spoken are Italian, Greek, Macedonian, and Arabic.



Families and households

There are approximately 8,700 dwellings in 2015 and this is expected to increase to 9,400 dwellings by 2036.

About 94 per cent of houses are stand-alone and 45 per cent of households consist of couples with children with an average household size of 3.1 people.

Employment

More residents work in the manufacturing and retail trade industries compared with any other industry.

Education

More residents attend primary and secondary school compared with the broader Greater Melbourne.

Travelling in and out

Seven out of ten residents drive a car to their place of work. 63% of households have access to two or more motor vehicles.



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| Place boundary | Private school | Existing CAC (Community Activity Centre and Community Centres) |
| Major roads | Government school | Existing MCH (Maternal and Child Health) |
| Roads | Higher education | Existing childcare |
| Proposed roads | Open spaces | Existing kindergarten |
| Proposed tram line | Sports pavillions / ovals / pitches | Existing library |
| Shared pathway (walking / bike) | Residential | Existing places of worship |
| Rivers / creeks / waterways | Shopping areas | Police station |
| Urban growth boundary | Retail / commercial | |
| 2020-2025* | | |

*These timeframes estimate relate to lot release, they do not relate to housing construction. Lot release is when titles are officially released after a Statement of Compliance is issued for any stage of an estate. Generally, houses are constructed anytime between six to 18 months after a stage is 'released.' Housing construction is dependent on market demand.



1 Off leash dog park (Delacombe Reserve)

2 Recreation reserves

Sycamore Recreation Reserves include: two soccer fields, two cricket ovals, a sports pavilion and a BMX track. WA Smith Recreation Reserve, includes: two Australian Football League/cricket ovals and a pavilion.

3 Mill Park Leisure

A Council facility run by the YMCA and features health and fitness facilities, including an eight-lane 25 metre heated indoor pool, a learn to swim pool and a toddlers pool. Open to the public seven days a week, there are a range of classes, activities and programs.

4 Mill Park Library

This iconic building opened in 2002 being the first library in Victoria to be designed on the concept of a hybrid digital/print library.

5 Mill Park Community House and Adult Training Support Service

The facility offers programs for people of all abilities and support services including legal advice, support for people with a disability, occasional child care and counselling.

6 Mill Park Recreation Reserve

Includes: seven softball/baseball diamonds, a pavilion, shared pathways and The Stables Adventure Play Space.

7 Proposed Civic Drive Extension

From Bush Boulevard to Morang Drive, South Morang.

Advocacy priorities

A E6 construction from Metropolitan Ring Road to Bridge Inn Road

Council is seeking state and federal government funding to construct the 11 kilometre E6 road to alleviate congestion on Plenty Road and High Street/Epping Road. The new E6 could be capable of carrying more than 60,000 cars per day.

B Extending the tram line (route 86) from Bundoora to South Morang

Council is seeking state government funding to extend the 86 tram line from McKimmies Road, Bundoora to the South Morang railway station and beyond to create a link between light and heavy rail.

C Childs Road duplication

Childs Road is the major east-west arterial road linking Mill Park and Epping. It is a duplicated four-lane divided road from Plenty Road to Dalton Road, except for the section across the E6 reservation and the Darebin Creek.

This part of the road becomes a two-lane road. As a result of the current intersection design and narrow bridge, traffic flow is unpredictable during peak periods.

Duplicating the 850 metre section of Childs Road and providing a new bridge across the Darebin Creek will provide a continuous four-lane divided road between Plenty Road in Mill Park and Dalton Road in Epping and remove the current unsafe footpath and the traffic bottleneck.

Municipality-wide

Bus services for the municipality

Council is seeking state government funding to improve bus services across the municipality.

Northern Hospital expansion

There is a critical need to expand the Northern Hospital to adequately service the growing population in the City of Whittlesea and Melbourne's north. The Northern is the only public hospital in the northern growth corridor. Council is advocating for additional beds and Royal Children's Hospital paediatric services.