The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne’s diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface and peri-urban communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.

Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

Kimberley Recreation Reserve
Community Sporting Pavilion Redevelopment
33 Kimberley Drive Chirnside Park 3116

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to expand and upgrade the existing community sports pavilion at Kimberley Recreation Reserve in Chirnside Park.

This project will address the provision of female friendly sporting facilities across the municipality as well as responding to the growing demands of football, netball and cricket participation levels in the local Chirnside Park community.

Works will include the extension and upgrade of the community social space and kitchen, two unisex umpire facilities, four universally designed female friendly change rooms with player amenities. There will also be multi-purpose gym area, first aid and storage facilities.

Expected date of commencement: February 2021

Expected date of completion: February 2022

Total Project Cost: $4,720,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: $1,850,000
Other contributions:
- Yarra Ranges Shire Council $2,870,000

The other project in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 is:
- BioMass to Energy Plant – Coldstream Transfer Station ($500,000)
- Upwey Skate Park ($150,000)

Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Yarra Ranges Shire Council is located in Melbourne’s outer east between 30 and 110 km from Melbourne’s Central Business District. It covers an area of 2,470 km. Around 70 per cent of the Council’s population live in the urban areas, which represent approximately three per cent of its landmass to the west of the municipality. The remaining population is distributed throughout rural areas.

Yarra Ranges Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 0.8 per cent in 2018. The population is projected to grow from 158,200 in 2018 to about 188,800 or 16.2 per cent by 2036.

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