

# Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21

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.



## 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<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in Future, 2019

## Upwey Skate Park 6 Mahoney Street Upwey 3158

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to upgrade the Upwey skate park to provide updated facilities and reinvigorate the reserve and significantly increase the number of visitors to an already popular park.

The southern section of the existing park will be retained with the northern section will be demolished to make way for increased space, improve safety and functionality of the reserve.

The skate park is located centrally to other recreation facilities and is in close proximity from Upwey town centre. The project will improve accessibility to cater for a broader range of age groups, encourage female participation, and skaters of different abilities, for the growing Upwey community.

**Expected date of commencement:** February 2021

**Expected date of completion:** August 2021

**Total Project Cost:** \$300,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$150,000

**Other contributions:**

- Yarra Ranges Shire Council \$150,000

**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)
- Kimberley Recreation Reserve Community Sporting Pavilion Redevelopment (\$1,850,000)



Authorised by the Hon Shaun Leane MP, Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development

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