

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 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 Council is located in Melbourne's outer east between 30 and 110 km from the Central Business District. It covers an area of 2,470 km². 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.

The municipality is home to significant natural reserves and boasts popular tourist areas such as the Dandenong Ranges and the Upper Yarra Valley.

Yarra Ranges is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 1.1 per cent in 2017. The population is forecasted to grow from 157,000 in 2017 to about 170,000, or 8 per cent, by 2031.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2017 <http://profile.id.com.au/hume>

QUEENS PARK HEALESVILLE DISTRICT PLAYSPACE

Corner Don road and Maroondah Highway, Healesville VIC 3777

Project Description: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Yarra Ranges Shire Council deliver a creative, imaginative and educational playspace in Healesville. This project will provide a recreational space and encourage physical and mental health development for children and families in Healesville and surrounding areas.

The development of the Queens Park District Playspace will include:

- Renewal of the all-ages playspace, with a focus on nature-play and connecting to people and place
- Community and public art murals
- A tower with slide and climbing access
- Creek boulder steppers
- A five-way creek swing with junior and senior attachments
- Junior slide with climbing access
- A bent steel reinforced 'burrow' tunnel
- Low-level cubby house for junior play
- Seating
- Landscaping



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- Flood mitigation works.

Expected completion: March 2020

Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$500,000

Other Contribution:

- Yarra Ranges Council \$500,000

Other project in Yarra Ranges Council to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:

- **Burrinja Cultural Centre Redevelopment (\$1,250,000)**
- **Monbulk Community Sports Pavilion (\$1,000,000)**

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.



Figure 1: Queens Parks Healesville District Playspace

(Source: <https://www.weekendnotes.com/queens-park-healesville/>)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

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