Macedon Ranges Shire is a semi-rural municipality. Located within an hours’ drive of Melbourne’s CBD to the south and Bendigo to the north.

The Shire’s most important industry is tourism and is popular with both domestic and international visitors due to its natural attraction, wineries, and proximity to the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Known as one of Victoria’s peri-urban councils, the current population of 49,599 is expected to grow significantly to 64,640 by 2036.¹

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Macedon Ranges Shire Council to deliver a 15-hectare regional park providing high-quality open space and recreation facilities in the Macedon Ranges, particularly for the growing communities of Gisborne and New Gisborne and Riddells Creek.

The project includes open space, gardens, a wetland, an outdoor gym, BBQ areas, a play space and a walking, cycling and fitness loop. All these aspects will activate improved social connections and provide health outcomes for the Macedon Ranges community.

Expected date of commencement: March 2022
Expected date of completion: June 2023

Total Project Cost: $24,900,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: $3,200,000
Other contributions:
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council: $10,000,000
- Sport and Recreation Victoria: $11,600,000
- AFL Victoria: $100,000

¹ Victoria in Future, 2019
You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au

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