

# Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2

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.

## Macedon Ranges Shire Council



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.<sup>1</sup>

## MACEDON RANGES REGIONAL SPORTS PRECINCT STAGE 1

Corner Hamilton Rd and Barringo, New Gisborne 3437

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

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

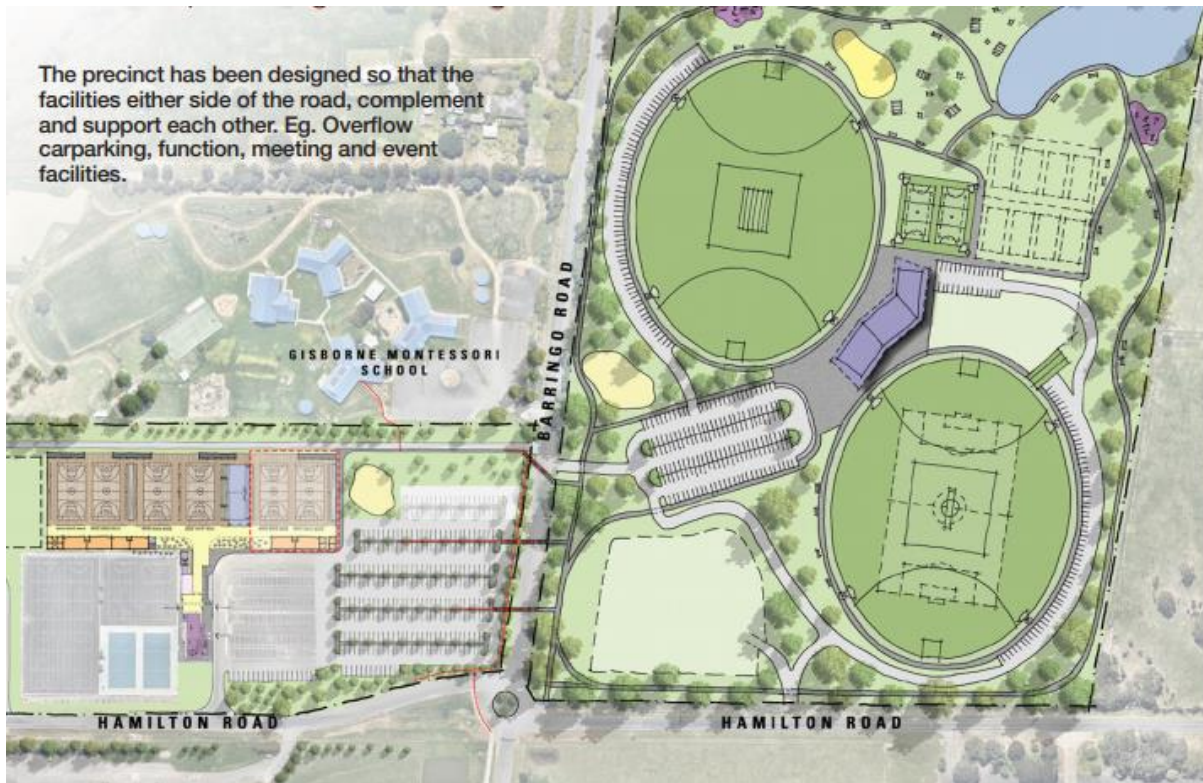


Figure 1: Concept design

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