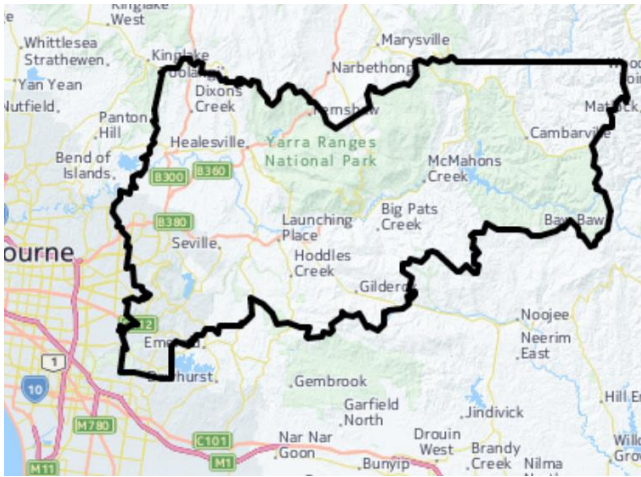


Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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 0.3% in 2019-20¹. The population is projected to grow from 159,995 in 2020 to about 183,821 or 14.9% per cent by 2036².

Victoria's population has witnessed a considerable slow-down in growth due to COVID and a pause in overseas migration. This is mostly felt in the inner/middle suburbs of Melbourne but is still evident in outer suburbs.

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019

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Climate Resilient Buildings for our Community

Multiple locations

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to upgrade buildings across the municipality to be more climate resilient, thermally functional, and environmentally sustainable.

The works will support the local community to withstand, respond and recover from natural disasters and other extreme events, such as heatwaves, fire, flood and wind events, expected to increase due to climate change.

The project will deliver climate resilient upgrades to 8 facilities across the municipality: Coldstream Community Centre, Coldstream; Healesville Memorial Hall, Healesville; Powelltown Reserve Pavilion, Powelltown; Warburton Millgrove Sporting Complex, Warburton; Yarra Centre Pool and Stadium, Yarra Junction; Yarra Glen Memorial Hall & RSL, Yarra Glen; Monbulk Community Link, Monbulk; Olinda Recreation Reserve Pavilion, Olinda.

Expected date of commencement: April 2022

Expected date of completion: June 2023

Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,500,000

Other contributions:

- Australian Government through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications: \$1,250,000
- Yarra Ranges Shire Council: \$250,000

The other projects in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22 are:

- Wesburn Park Pump Track (\$470,000)
- Carmen Reserve Playspace (\$129,000)
- Glenvalley Reserve Playspace (\$129,000)



Figure 1: Project image

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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