## Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

The Growing Suburb Fund (GSF) is a \$425M contribution to support the delivery of high priority community infrastructure projects for Victoria's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. Designed to support the existing and future local infrastructure needs of Melbourne's interface and peri-urban communities, the GSF brings forward local infrastructure projects that are essential to the liveability of outer suburban families.

## Nillumbik Shire Council



Nillumbik Shire Council is located 25 km north-east of the Melbourne Central Business District, and the southern boundary is the Yarra River. It is predominantly urban to the South while the north of the municipality includes significant features like the Kinglake National Park and Sugarloaf Reservoir.

Nillumbik Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 0.2% in 2019-20<sup>1</sup>. The population is projected to grow from 65,219 in 2020 to about 70,314 or 7.8% per cent by 2036<sup>2</sup>.

Victoria's population growth slowed during the pandemic period with the impact over this time mainly felt in the inner and middle suburbs of Melbourne; regional areas were less affected due to increased migration from Melbourne. Based on the latest available data, areas across Victoria are now expected to return to normal rates and patterns.

## **Diamond Valley Library Outdoor Space Revitalisation**

34 Civic Drive, Greensborough 3088

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Nillumbik Shire Council to revitalise the outdoor space of the Diamond Valley Library providing a new outdoor learning space, and enhancement of the library's urban spaces for the Diamond Valley and surrounding communities.

## The scope of the project includes:

- A new outdoor learning space inclusive of sensory and exploratory play features
- An open multipurpose lawn area and community food garden
- Decking and shading
- Enhancements to the front entrance
- Landscaping, seating, and lighting

Expected date of commencement: November 2023

Expected date of completion: June 2024

Total Project Cost: \$438,243 Growing Suburbs Fund: \$438,243

The other projects in Nillumbik Shire Council to receive funding from the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Ryans Reserve Rejuvenation Project (\$1,190,837)
- **Diamond Creek Community Recreation Park** (\$2,163,424)



<sup>2</sup> Victoria in Future, 2019





Figure 1 Project Site

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at <a href="https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund">https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund</a>.

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