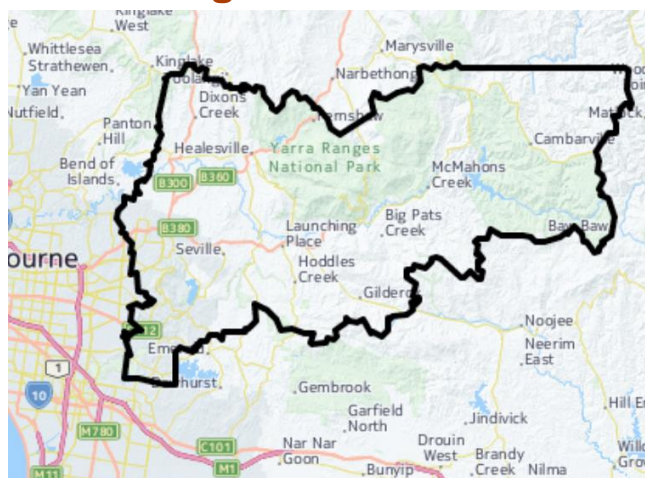


Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2

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.

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 0.8 per cent in 2018. The population is projected to grow from 158,200 in 2018 to about 188,800 or 16.2 per cent by 2036¹.

CHIRNSIDE URBAN PARK

29 Belsay Chase, Chirnside Park, 3116

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to develop an active and passive recreation space in Chirnside Park.

The project will provide a community play space and passive recreation opportunities for all genders, and a wide range of ages and abilities.

It will create a safe and inclusive reserve that meets the diverse needs of the local and broader community.

The space will feature a regional playground, walking paths, shelters, seating, water fountain, urban forest and grasslands for natural play and events. Details of the proposed components are below.

- Regional playspace including elements for all ages. The playspace will contain:
 - a unique multi-dome climbing feature set on three levels
 - Multiple height slides, one with wheelchair transfer capabilities
 - A large swing bay including a basket swing for all abilities use
 - Sensory elements including musical play, imagination play and nature play
 - A balancing circuit
 - All accessible carousel
 - Seating areas
- Upgrade of the existing wetlands with additional planted aquatic vegetation, functional water fountain, directional boulders and boardwalk
- Additional flora and deciduous trees to create natural play elements, informal paths, shelter and seating
- Network of connecting paths
- Shelters, barbeque and picnic areas
- Public Toilets

Expected date of commencement: August 2022

Expected date of completion: October 2023

Total Project Cost: \$4,500,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,250,000

¹ Victoria in Future, 2019

Other contributions:

- Yarra Ranges Shire Council: \$2,250,000

The other project in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2 is:

- Coldstream Station Activation (\$539,680)



Figure 1: Concept design

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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