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 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 is located in Melbourne’s outer east between 30 and 110 km from the Central Business District. It covers an area of 2,470 km². 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 2036.¹

MOUNT EVELYN COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION PAVILION
45A Tramway Road, Mount Evelyn, 3796

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to provide a multifunctional, purpose-built recreational and sporting complex servicing the community of Mount Evelyn and surrounds.

The project will deliver a two-story building that will provide home, visitor and umpire co-gendered change rooms, showers and amenities, first aid and medical rooms, gymnasium, canteen, social/community activities room, semi-commercial kitchen and a separate bar to service the social rooms, office and multipurpose space, storage for core community groups, display areas, covered spectator viewing areas and internal and public toilets.

The new facility will provide space for community events, meetings, social gatherings, facilitate engagement in study and active recreational and sporting activities. Access to the facility will benefit the programming of the YMCA Mount Evelyn Recreation Camp and the CFA as well as providing a new home for the operations of the Yarra Ranges Meals on Wheels.

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019
**Expected date of commencement:** September 2020  
**Expected date of completion:** March 2021  
**Total Project Cost:** $5,000,000  
**Growing Suburbs Fund:** $1,900,000  
**Other contributions:**  
Yarra Ranges Council $1,900,000  
Federal Government – Election commitment $1,000,000  
Mount Evelyn Sport and Community Hub Group $200,000

**Other projects in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the 2019-2020 Growing Suburbs Fund are:**  
- Belgrave Lake Park ($600,000)  
- Elizabeth Bridge Recreation Reserve Ground Upgrade and Social Recreation Park ($700,000)  
- Monbulk Recreation Reserve Skate and Scooter Park Upgrade ($300,000)

Yarra Ranges Shire Council received a total of $3,500,000 million for four projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-2020.

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

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