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 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 2036.

COLDREAM STATION ACTIVATION
1A Coldstream West Road, Coldstream, 3770

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to develop a new open space on the former Coldstream Station site to provide local and regional benefit.

The project will contribute positively to the experience of users of the Yarra Valley Trail.

A major component of the project is the delivery of a 300-metre asphalt pump track. The Coldstream Station pump track will provide an activity space for younger children, families, and YVT visitors to enjoy multi bike or multi wheeled options at a level suitable to their skill level and experience.

The project will also deliver the elements below:
- A larger 30 space car park
- A small public toilet with timed locks on doors in order to close the facility at night.
- A picnic shelter and associated seats and tables
- An informal trail network
- Canopy tree planting through the site.

Expected date of commencement: May 2022
Expected date of completion: March 2023

Total Project Cost: $1,079,360
Growing Suburbs Fund: $539,680
Other contributions:
- Yarra Ranges Shire Council: $539,680

The other project in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2 is:
- Chirnside Urban Park ($2,250,000)

1 Victoria in Future, 2019
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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Figure 1: Concept design