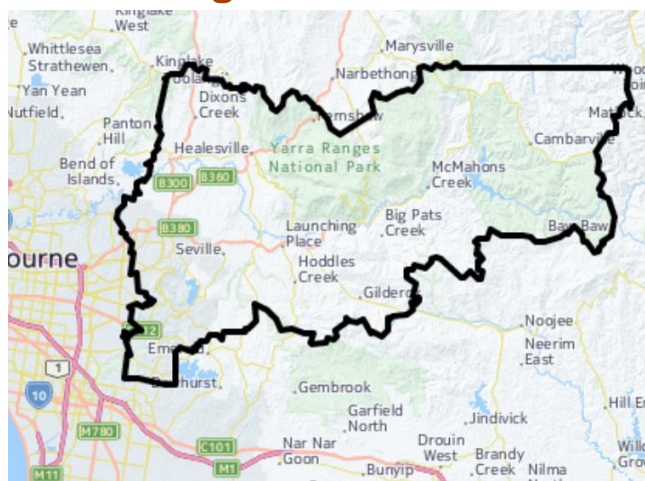


Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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

Wesburn Park Pump Track

Wesburn Park Reserve Precinct, 2804 Warburton Highway, Wesburn 3799

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to deliver a new pump track in Wesburn.

The Wesburn Pump Track is the first part of a planned masterplan to deliver a multi-use recreation facility in the upper Yarra Ranges. The project responds to the growing demand for bike park infrastructure to support riders from beginner to elite.

The project will deliver 350m of sealed competition-grade pump track. The track will include a 60m long beginner track.

The pump track will include sensory lighting that can be triggered on and off throughout a rider's journey, filming, lap timing and a big screen that can be used for leader boards, messaging, content and more, providing a compelling atmosphere for riders and spectators.

Expected date of commencement: January 2023

Expected date of completion: June 2023

Total Project Cost: \$940,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$470,000

Other contributions:

- Yarra Ranges Shire Council: \$470,000

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

- Climate Resilient Buildings for our Community (\$1,500,000)
- Carmen Reserve Playspace (\$129,000)
- Glenvalley Reserve Playspace (\$129,000)



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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