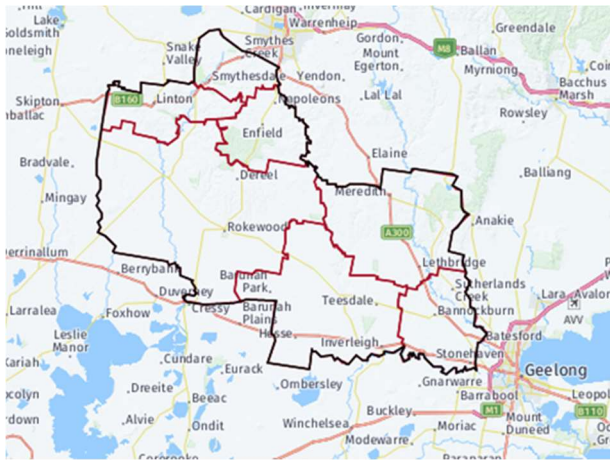


Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

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.

Golden Plains Shire Council



Golden Plains Shire is located in south-western Victoria, approximately 160 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD, 80 kilometres from the Geelong CBD, and 50 kilometres from the Ballarat CBD.

Known as one of Victoria's peri-urban councils, the area recorded a growth rate of 2.2% in 2019-20¹. The current population of 23,249 is expected to grow to 33,073 or 36.4% by 2036².

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.

Bannockburn Skate Park Upgrade

3 More St, Bannockburn 3331

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Golden Plains Shire Council to deliver an upgraded and dynamic recreational and social space that meets the need of a rapidly growing community in Bannockburn, supports multipurpose use, and promotes community connection.

The scope of the project includes:

- A multipurpose Skate Bowl
- An inviting community space inclusive of street furniture, a BBQ, and shelter,
- Lighting
- Connecting pathways

Expected date of commencement: January 2024

Expected date of completion: October 2024

Total Project Cost: \$805,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$805,000

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

- Inverleigh Active Youth Space (\$1,487,587)

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019



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 about the Growing Suburbs Fund, please contact gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

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