## **Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21**

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 periurban communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



## Moorabool Shire Council

Moorabool Shire is located in south-western Victoria, about 80 kilometres west of the Melbourne CBD and borders the City of Ballarat to the west.

Known as one of Victoria's peri-urban councils, the population of the Shire is estimated to increase by 60.59% between 2017 and 2041, from 33,171 to 53,270 (Forecast ID). More than half this population live in Bacchus Marsh and surrounds (18,247)<sup>1</sup>.

## Darley Park Community and Sports Centre

Darley Park, Fitzroy Street & Grey Street, Darley, 3340

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Moorabool Shire Council to deliver the Darley Park Community and Sports Centre project. The project seeks to:

- provide a multi-purpose pavilion that will accommodate sport and community into the future
- provide unisex player and umpire change rooms that cater for diversity and provide privacy for individuals
- provide unisex public amenities that address public safety and accessible entry requirements
- make provision for and enhance the development of community programs by providing a space that is accessible and inclusive
- remove the barriers to female participation and usage by providing suitable facilities and amenities built to female friendly standards
- provide a premium venue that makes the best use of its prominent and central location for the growing Darley community. This will allow residents to access large scale events within their neighbourhood.
- provide community rooms and a meeting room that will have technology to support learning and opportunities for improved collaboration.

The new Community and Sports Centre will allow for scheduling of more community groups at the one time and accommodate the increased demand and exponential growth and participation.

## **Expected date of commencement:**

September 2020

**Expected date of completion:** February 2022

Total Project Cost: \$3,750,000 Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,500,000 Other contributions:

- Moorabool Shire Council \$1,000,000
- Darley Cricket Club, Darley Football Netball Club and the Darley Junior Football Netball Club (\$250,000)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Victoria in Future, 2019



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