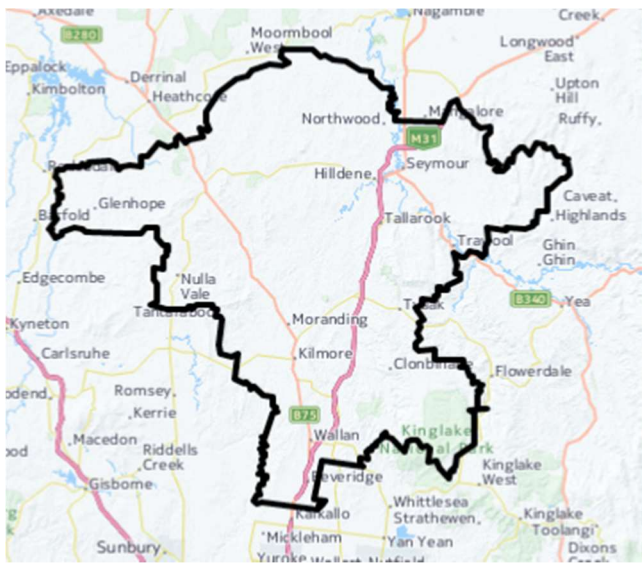


Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

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.

Mitchell Shire Council



Mitchell Shire Council is located approximately 60 kilometres north of Melbourne Central Business District and is bounded by Hume and Whittlesea councils to the south.

The southern tip has experienced significant residential growth in recent years due to affordable new housing and infrastructure to support an easy commute to Melbourne.

Mitchell Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 3.4% in 2019-20¹. The population is projected to grow from 47,647 in 2020 to about 97,688 or 105% per cent 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.

Kings Park Play Space Upgrade

Tallarook Street, Seymour 3660

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Mitchell Shire Council to provide strengthened connections to existing sporting facilities to promote healthy social and physical outdoor activity, and to provide safe and quality open spaces for the Seymour and surrounding communities to enjoy.

The scope of the project includes:

- Demolition and replacement of existing play space equipment, inclusive of nature play elements
- Additional shade structures surrounding the playspace
- A central path network into the heart of the play space

Expected date of commencement: October 2023

Expected date of completion: December 2023

Total Project Cost: \$220,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$200,000

Other Contributions:

- Mitchell Shire Council \$20,000

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

- Kilmore Senior Citizens Centre Redevelopment and Accessibility Upgrade (\$830,000)
- Wandong Community Centre Redevelopment (\$720,000)

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 – Aerial image of project site



Figure 2 – 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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