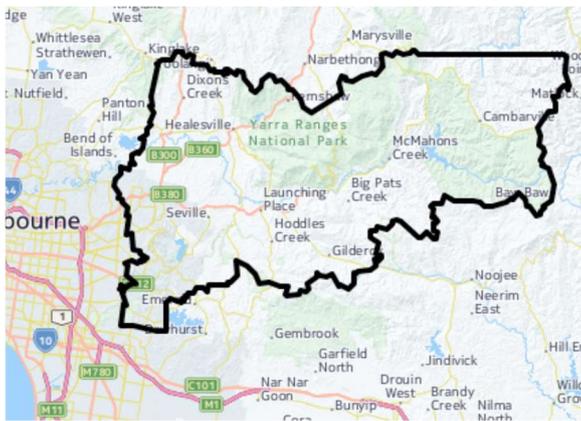


GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

YARRA RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL

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 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 the Central Business District. It covers an area of 2,470 km¹¹. 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. The municipality is home to significant natural reserves and boasts popular tourist areas such as the Dandenong Ranges and the Upper Yarra Valley.

Yarra Ranges is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 1.1 per cent in 2017. The population is forecasted to grow from 157,000 in 2017 to about 170,000, or 8 per cent, by 2031.

YARRA VALLEY TRAIL

Lilydale to Yarra Glen

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Yarra Ranges Council to deliver Stage One of the Yarra Valley Trail.

The 11.5 km section of the trail will link Lilydale to Yarra Glen by creating a safe, all ages, accessible walking and cycling trail for the benefit of Yarra Ranges communities. The Yarra Valley Trail will join up with the Warburton Rail Trail and intersect with several visitor destinations.

Connecting the Yarra Valley and Upper Yarra will result in social and economic benefits to businesses and communities along the route and will lead to better health and wellbeing outcomes for the community.

Expected date of commencement: September 2019

Expected date of completion: July 2022

Total Project Cost: \$5,000,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,500,000

Other contributions: Yarra Ranges Shire Council
\$2,500,000

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/yarraranges>

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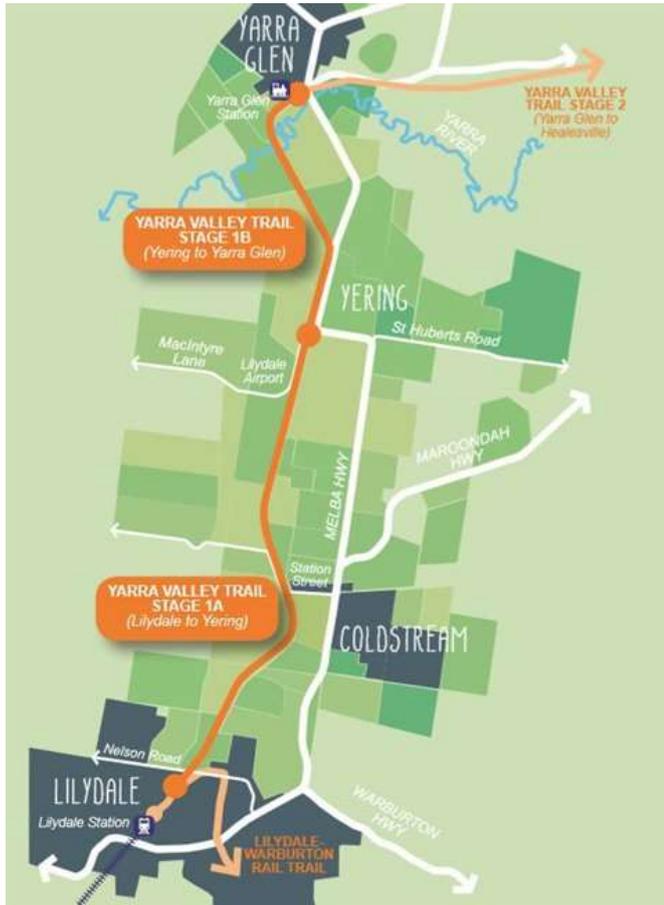


Figure 1 – Trail concept image

Other projects in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Warburton Mountain Bike Destination (GSF \$3,000,000)
- The Ridgewalk (GSF: \$2,000,000)
- Esther Park Synthetic Soccer Pitches (GSF: \$1,250,000)

Yarra Ranges Shire Council received a total of \$8.75 million for four projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018 – 2019.

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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