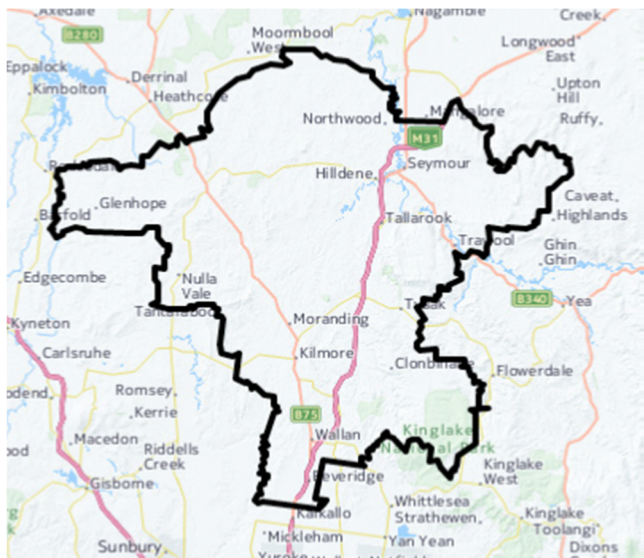


Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

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.

Wandong Community Centre Redevelopment

12 Dry Creek Crescent, Wandong 3758

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Mitchell Shire Council to reactivate an existing community centre into an accessible, multi-purpose, and contemporary facility that will support shared community use.

The scope of the project includes:

- Reconfiguration of the internal floor plan
- Upgrade kitchen facilities and new DDA compliant amenities
- Storage and cupboard space
- Expanded meeting room
- Acoustic wall and ceiling panel treatments
- Upgrade of existing flooring and heating and cooling
- Landscaping, paving, and fencing
- Accessible parking

Expected date of commencement: June 2023

Expected date of completion: November 2023

Total Project Cost: \$800,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$720,000

Other Contributions:

- Mitchell Shire Council \$60,000
- Wandong Community Centre CoM \$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)
- Kings Park Play Space Upgrade (\$200,000)

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 – Aerial shot of project site

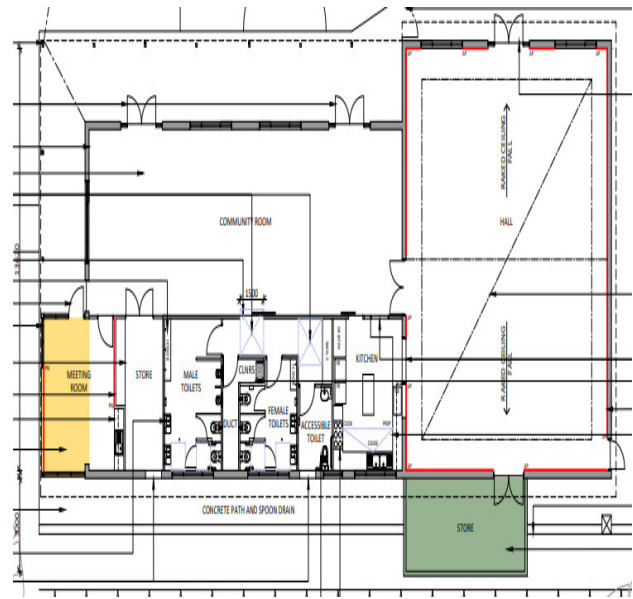


Figure 2 – Concept design floor plan

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 gsgf@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

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