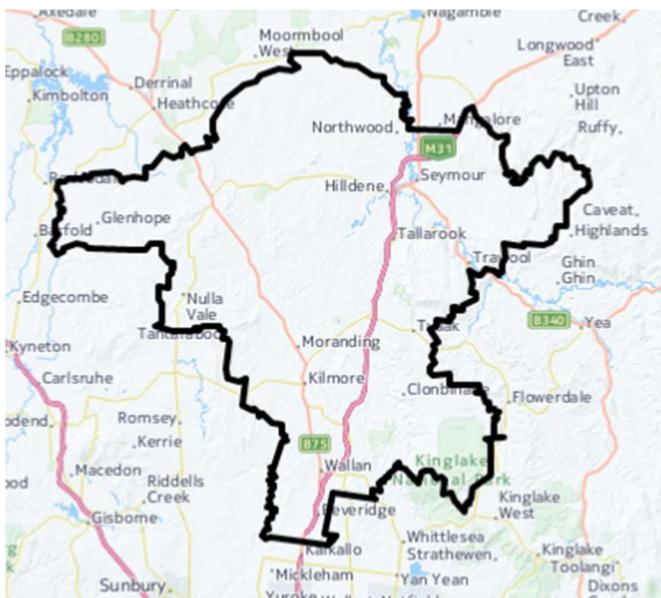


The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



ACTIVATING RYAN'S CREEK RESERVE

Kilmore-Lancefield Road, Kilmore 3764

Background: The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Mitchell Shire Council to develop and activate a linear reserve in Kilmore that will improve access to the town centre and nearby schools. This project will provide a social family recreation node to the growing local community and deliver social, health and environmental benefits.

The reactivation project of Ryan's Creek Reserve will deliver the following:

- 1.1 km of 2.5m wide shared-use footpaths
- Hard surface area for skating and scooting
- Half-court basketball court
- Barbecue
- 2 picnic shelters and 2 seats with backrests
- Combination play units and nature base play space
- Shade sail and shade trees
- Plantings and landscape works

Mitchell Shire Council is located approximately 60 km north of the 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. Most of the shire consists of rural land. The local economy is primarily agriculture and food manufacturing. It covers an area of 2,864 square km with an estimated population of approximately 43,000 in 2017, which is expected to grow to about 82,000 by 2031¹.

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

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2018-19

Expected date of commencement: August 2019

Expected date of completion: April 2020

Total Project Cost: \$1,000,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,000,000

Mitchell Shire Council received a total of \$4.97 million for seven 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.



Figure 1 – Project location (green section)

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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Other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Wallan East Relocatable Early Learning Centre Project (\$2,170,032)
- Wallan Youth Services Hub (\$645,789)
- Kilmore Creek Pedestrian Bridge (\$745,000)
- Wallan Play Space Upgrades and Half Court Provisions (\$175,000)
- Centenary Drive Kilmore Play Space Upgrade (\$95,000)
- Outdoor Exercise Equipment (\$142,301)

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