

Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2

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

Mitchell Shire Council



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 44,300 in 2018, which is projected to grow to about 97,700 by 2036¹.

ACTIVATION OF BEVERIDGE RECREATION RESERVE

Lithgow Street, Beveridge 3753

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Mitchell Shire Council to revitalise and activate Beveridge Recreation Reserve. The project will activate the only public open space serving residents living east of the Hume Freeway in Beveridge. This project will provide a social family recreation node to the growing local community and deliver social, health and environmental benefits.

The activation project will deliver the following:

- Play space upgrade
- 500m circuit pathway featuring a footbridge in the wetlands
- Outdoor fitness equipment pods
- Reconstruction of two freely accessible lit netball/tennis courts

Expected date of commencement: November 2022

Expected date of completion: June 2023

Total Project Cost: \$1,300,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$750,000

Other contributions:

- Mitchell Shire Council: \$550,000

The other project in Mitchell Shire Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2 is:

- JJ Clancy Reserve Integrated Community Facility Recreation Hub (\$3,400,000)

¹ Victoria in Future, 2019

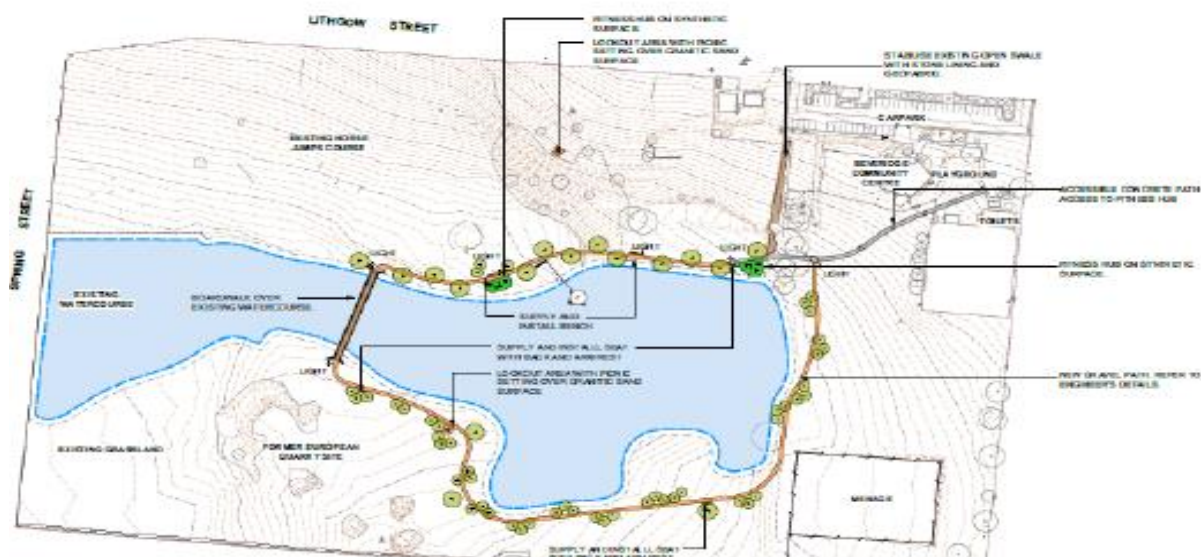


Figure 1: Concept design

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund>

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au

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