

Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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.

Golden Plains Shire Council



Golden Plains Shire is located in south-western Victoria, about 80-160 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD, 10-100 kilometres from the Geelong CBD, and 10-80 kilometres from the Ballarat CBD.

Known as one of Victoria's peri-urban councils, the area recorded a growth rate of 2.2% in 2019-20.¹ The current population of 23,249 is expected to grow to 33,073 or 36.4% by 2036.²

Victoria's population has witnessed a considerable slow-down in growth due to COVID and a pause in overseas migration. This is mostly felt in the inner/middle suburbs of Melbourne but is still evident in outer suburbs. Regional areas are much less impacted, at least partly due to migration from Melbourne to the regions.

Rokewood Community Hub and Pavilion Upgrade

14 Mcmillan Street, Rokewood 3330

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Golden Plains Shire Council to upgrade the Rokewood Community Hub and Pavilion.

This project will deliver a new community hub pavilion, including multi-use meeting, change spaces and public amenities. It will improve and increase opportunities for local events, activities, and community development initiatives.

The project will deliver:

- Demolition of existing buildings, including public toilets and social rooms which have reached "end of life".
- Construction of new multi-purpose community hub with ample space for community activation
- Construction of new change room, medical, storage and massage facilities that are unisex and suitable for female participation
- Undercover areas that support participation and visitation
- Concrete paths and landscaping

Expected date of commencement: February 2024

Expected date of completion: November 2024

Total Project Cost: \$3,960,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$3,500,000

Other contributions:

- Golden Plains Shire Council: \$442,000
- Rokewood Football Netball Club: \$18,000

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1: Concept design Four18 Architecture

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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