

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.

Yarra Ranges Shire Council



Yarra Ranges Shire Council is located in Melbourne’s outer east between 30 and 110 km from Melbourne’s Central Business District. It covers an area of 2,470 km. 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.

Yarra Ranges Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 0.3% in 2019-2020¹. The population is projected to grow from 159,995 in 2020 to about 183,821 or 14.9% 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.

Bluegum Reserve Playspace Renewal

27a Bluegum Drive, Badger Creek 3777

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to deliver the renewal of the Bluegum Reserve Playspace, improving the amenity and accessibility of the local park, and providing a more inclusive environment for community to enjoy.

The scope of the project includes:

- Improved playspace amenities through new furniture and provisions for intergenerational, imaginative, educational and nature play
- All abilities play equipment
- An accessible pathway

Expected date of commencement: April 2024
Expected date of completion: December 2024

Total Project Cost: \$300,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: \$150,000
Other contributions:

- Yarra Ranges Shire Council: \$150,000

The other projects in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Wright Avenue Playspace Renewal (\$100,000)
- Mckenzie King Playspace Renewal (\$150,000)
- Queen Road Playspace Renewal (\$100,000)
- Morrison Reserve Youth Activation (\$2,600,000)

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 Project Site

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 gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

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