

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.

Nillumbik Shire Council



Nillumbik Shire Council is located 25 km north-east of the Melbourne Central Business District, and the southern boundary is the Yarra River. It is predominantly urban to the South while the north of the municipality includes significant features like the Kinglake National Park and Sugarloaf Reservoir.

Nillumbik Shire Yarra Ranges Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 0.2% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 65,219 in 2020 to about 70,314 or 7.8% per cent 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.

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019

DIAMOND HILL PRESCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT

9-11 Diamond Hills Drive, Greensborough

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Nillumbik Shire Council to deliver an innovative early years facility.

The project will deliver a new preschool to replace the existing temporary buildings. This expansion will provide increased programs and services to the local community and support increased demand in preschool services.

The new centre will include:

- Two Children's rooms
- Toilets including an accessible toilet
- Junior changing and supporting amenities
- Interview and consulting rooms
- Staff lounge and resource room
- Multipurpose room
- Storerooms
- Landscaping
- Parking for 26 spaces (two accessible)

Expected date of commencement: April 2023

Expected date of completion: May 2024

Total Project Cost: \$3,690,117

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$2,915,117

Other contributions:

- Nillumbik Shire Council: \$700,000
- Diamond Hills Preschool \$75,000

Nillumbik Shire Council will also receive funding for the following project from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22:

- Hurstbridge Men's Shed Project (\$364,352)



Figure 1: Concept design Brand Architects

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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