

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.



Yarra Ranges Council is located in Melbourne's outer east between 30 and 110 km from the Central Business District. It covers an area of 2,470 km<sup>2</sup>. 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.

The municipality is home to significant natural reserves and boasts popular tourist areas such as the Dandenong Ranges and the Upper Yarra Valley.

Yarra Ranges is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 1.1 per cent in 2017. The population is forecasted to grow from 157,000 in 2017 to about 170,000, or 8 per cent, by 2031.

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2017 <http://profile.id.com.au/hume>

## BURRINJA CULTURAL CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

**351 Glenfern Road, Upwey VIC 3158**

**Project Description:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Yarra Ranges Council transform the existing Burrinja Cultural Centre in Upwey into a well-connected and more useable space.

The project will create a cultural facility with an improved internal layout, enhancing its usability, visibility and access for better social and cultural exchange.

The redevelopment of Burrinja Cultural Centre will include:

- The refurbishment of the foyer
- Refurbishment of the artist studios
- A major refurbishment of the social space
- Accessible toilets
- Gallery space improvements
- A new kitchen
- Café/ music venue
- Foyer bar.



# GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2017-18

**Expected completion: February 2020**

**Total Project Cost: \$2,500,000**

**Growing Suburbs Fund: \$1,250,000**

**Other Contribution:**

- Yarra Ranges Council \$1,250,000

**Other project in Yarra Ranges Council to receive funding from the 2017-18 Growing Suburbs Fund:**

- Monbulk Community Sports Pavilion (\$1,000,000)
- Queens Park District Playspace (\$500,000)

Growing Suburbs Fund contributes to a mix of infrastructure projects that have a direct benefit to communities living in the outer suburbs.



**Figure 1: Burrinja Cultural Centre – External view**

(Source: Yarra Ranges Council)

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at [localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf](http://localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf)

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