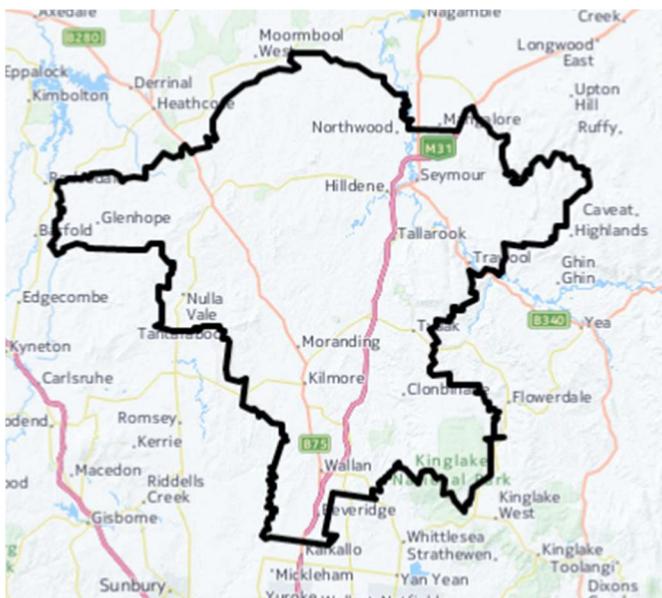


The Growing Suburbs Fund is a contribution towards meeting critical local infrastructure needs for communities in Melbourne's diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. It is positioned to quickly respond to the pressures being experienced by interface communities by bringing forward local infrastructure projects that will make a big difference in the day-to-day lives of outer suburban families.



### KILMORE CREEK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Northern Highway, Kilmore 3764

**Background:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Mitchell Shire Council to construct a dedicated pedestrian bridge over Kilmore Creek, shared path connections and Northern Highway crossing in Kilmore to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle connection from the township to the industrial area and local caravan park. This project will address the gap in formal pedestrian facilities by providing a safer off-road route to improve Kilmore's public amenity, enhance Kilmore's cycle and pedestrian connection and link Kilmore's growing outer industrial estate area to the town centre.

This project will deliver the following to Kilmore residents:

- A new 24m pedestrian and cycling bridge over Kilmore Creek
- New pedestrian cyclist refuge island to facilitate safe crossing across Northern Highway
- Piping of existing open drains along Northern Highway
- New 2.5m wide shared use pathways for greater connections to caravan park, industrial estate and to Kilmore town centre

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 43,000 in 2017, which is expected to grow to about 82,000 by 2031<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2016 <http://profile.id.com.au/mitchell>

