

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.



ELIZABETH BRIDGE RECREATION RESERVE GROUND UPGRADE & SOCIAL RECREATION PARK

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The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Yarra Ranges Shire Council to deliver the first stage of the upgrade to the Elizabeth Bridge Reserve, which is being heavily used by local residents for passive and active recreation activities.

Due to the dramatic increase in the number of male and female junior AFL football teams in Yarra Ranges, Elizabeth Reserve Oval has been identified to become and training and match day venue. This stage of the upgrade will deliver improvements to the playing surface, temporary toilet/change facility, drinking fountain, landscaping and path works.

The project will also enhance the general experience of the rest of the reserve delivering improved path lighting to increase sense of security, drinking fountains, additional seating, playspace refresh, fitness equipment and carpark extension.

Yarra Ranges Shire 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. 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 0.8 per cent in 2018. The population is projected to grow from 158,200 in 2018 to about 188,800, or 16.2 per cent, by 2036.¹

¹ Victoria in the Future, 2019



GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2019-20

Expected date of commencement: March 2020

Expected date of completion: June 2022

Total Project Cost: \$1,400,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$700,000

Other contributions:

Yarra Ranges Shire Council \$700,000

Other projects in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the 2019-2020 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Belgrave Lake Park (\$600,000)
- Monbulk Recreation Reserve Skate and Scooter Park Upgrade (\$600,000)
- Mount Evelyn Community Sport and Recreation Pavilion (\$1,900,000)



Figure1 – Areal View of Elizabeth Bridge Recreation Reserve (Yarra Ranges Shire Council)

Yarra Ranges Shire Council received a total of \$3,500,000 million for four projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2019-2020.

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

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund Projects at localgovernment.vic.gov.au/gsf

For more information regarding these projects contact Local Infrastructure, DELWP.

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