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. In 2017, Nillumbik Shire recorded an annual resident population growth rate of 0.7 per cent, of 65,000 residents\(^1\).

The population is forecasted to grow to 68,000, by 4 per cent, by 2031.

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**ELTHAM NORTH ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT**

The Parade off Wattletree Road, Eltham North 3095

**Background:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will partner with Nillumbik Shire Council to enhance the Eltham North Adventure Playground with the installation of play, picnic, amenity plantings and circulation infrastructure at the Eltham North. Perimeter play elements that connect the play space with the adjoining natural landscape environments will allow for calm, reflective play away from the energy of the main play space. Elements will include:

- a dry creek bed
- interactive water features
- picnic shelters, BBQs, tables and drinking taps
- perimeter pathways
- landscaping
- car park enhancements - asphalted disabled car parking bay, line marking, bollards, upgrading car park surface
- signage
- interactive public art installation

**Expected date of commencement:** March 2019

**Expected date of completion:** August 2019

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Total Project Cost: $919,048
Growing Suburbs Fund: $569,641
Other contributions: Nillumbik Shire Council $349,407

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.

Email: gsf@delwp.vic.gov.au or phone: 9948 8536

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

Figure 1 – Location of the Project site and Project zones

Other projects in Nillumbik Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018/19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Greensborough Hockey Multi-Purpose Pavilion Redevelopment ($2,000,000)
- Diamond Creek Regional Park-Playspace (PlayLink) ($2,500,000)

Nillumbik Shire Council will receive a total of $5,069,641 for three projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018-19 Round.