

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.

Mitchell Shire Council



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.

Mitchell Shire Council is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 3.4% in 2019-20.¹ The population is projected to grow from 47,647 in 2020 to about 97,688 or 105% 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

Chittick Park Accessible Playspace

35 Pollard Street, Seymour 3660

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Mitchell Shire Council to upgrade Chittick Park Accessible Playspace to encourage active lifestyles, community connections and skill development.

The project will support a more liveable community, with improved access and amenity of open spaces in which people can feel pride and connection.

The project will deliver:

- New inclusive play equipment
- Nature play
- Shade structures
- Planting
- Enlarged fenced area
- Accessible pathways

Expected date of commencement: September 2022

Expected date of completion: January 2023

Total Project Cost: \$900,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$750,000

Other contributions:

- Mitchell Shire Council: \$150,000

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

- Greenhill Reserve Playspace Project (\$110,000)
- Wallan Central Cycle and Nature Trail Project (\$800,000)
- Ryans Creek Reserve Activation Stage Two (\$900,000)



Figure 1: Concept design Jeavons Landscape 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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