

# Growing Suburbs Fund 2022-23

The Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) is a \$425M contribution to support the delivery of high priority community infrastructure projects for Victoria’s diverse and fast-growing outer suburbs. Designed to support the existing and future local infrastructure needs of Melbourne’s interface and peri-urban communities, the GSF brings forward local infrastructure projects that are essential to the liveability of outer suburban families.

## Yarra Ranges Shire Council



Yarra Ranges Shire Council is located in Melbourne’s outer east between 30 and 110 km from Melbourne’s 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 0.3% in 2019-2020<sup>1</sup>. The population is projected to grow from 159,995 in 2020 to about 183,821 or 14.9% per cent by 2036<sup>2</sup>.

Victoria’s population growth slowed during the pandemic period with the impact over this time mainly felt in the inner and middle suburbs of Melbourne; regional areas were less affected due to increased migration from Melbourne. Based on the latest available data, areas across Victoria are now expected to return to normal rates and patterns.

## Morrison Reserve Youth Activation

20 Burdap Drive, Mt Evelyn 3796

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Yarra Ranges Shire Council to activate the Morrison Reserve by providing new and engaging social areas for people to play, gather, and recreate in a safe and communal environment.

### The scope of the project includes:

- Playspace renewal and expansion, and upgraded path network
- Installation of new picnic furniture, BBQ, landscaping, and amenities
- A snake run, pump track, and jump park
- Lighting to the perimeter and snake run
- An urban bike trail suitable for all abilities
- Social gathering spaces
- Accessible eating and viewing places

**Expected date of commencement:** April 2024

**Expected date of completion:** June 2025

**Total Project Cost:** \$3,400,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$2,600,000

**Other contributions:**

- Yarra Ranges Shire Council: \$800,000

### The other projects in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund are:

- Queen Road Playspace Renewal (\$100,000)
- Bluegum Reserve Playspace Renewal (\$150,000)
- McKenzie King Playspace Renewal (\$150,000)
- Wright Avenue Playspace Renewal (\$100,000)

<sup>1</sup> ABS Regional Population Growth, March 2022

<sup>2</sup> Victoria in Future, 2019



Figure 1 Concept Plan

You can find out about other Growing Suburbs Fund projects at <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund>.

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