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 km². 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. The municipality is home to significant natural reserves and boasts popular tourist areas such as the Dandenong Ranges and the Upper Yarra Valley.

Yarra Ranges is part of the interface council area and recorded a growth rate of 1.1 per cent in 2017. The population is forecasted to grow from 157,000 in 2017 to about 170,000, or 8 per cent, by 2031.

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**Esther Park Synthetic Soccer Pitches**

25 Esther Crescent, Mooroolbark, 3138

**Background:** The Growing Suburbs Fund will help Yarra Ranges Shire Council to develop a multi-pitch synthetic soccer facility with 100 lux lighting at Esther Park, Mooroolbark, which will cater for junior and senior competition soccer and social sport.

The proposed project will see the installation of a multi-pitch synthetic soccer facility with 100 lux lighting which can cater for junior and senior competition soccer and social sport.

The multi-pitch proposal includes the option of operating two large junior sized pitches (93m x 50m each) running along an east-west orientation and one full sized senior pitch (105m x 68m) and three sub-junior/Miniroos pitches (30m x 20m each) running along a north-south orientation.

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Expected date of commencement: April 2019
Expected date of completion: July 2021

Total Project Cost: anticipated $3,000,000
Growing Suburbs Fund: $1,250,000
Other contributions:
- Yarra Ranges Shire Council $1,750,000

Other projects in Yarra Ranges Shire Council to receive funding from the 2018-19 Growing Suburbs Fund are:
- Yarra Valley Trail (GSF $2,500,000)
- Warburton Mountain Destination (GSF: $3,000,000)
- Esther Park Synthetic Soccer Pitches (GSF: $1,250,000)

Yarra Ranges Shire Council received a total of $8.75 million for four projects under the Growing Suburbs Fund 2018-2019.

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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Figure 1 – Esther Parl Lighting Level map