

# Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2

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.

## Whittlesea City Council



Whittlesea City Council is located about 20 km north of the Melbourne Central Business District. The southern parts of the city are established urban areas and current residential developments are extending towards the north of the municipality.

Whittlesea City Council is home to an ethnically diverse community, with more than half of the residents from non-English speaking backgrounds. In 2018, the population of Whittlesea City Council grew 3.5 per cent compared with the national average of 1.6 per cent. The population is projected to grow by 63.2 percent from around 223,300 in 2018, to about 364,500 in 2036.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Victoria in the Future, 2019

## QUARRY HILLS REGIONAL PARK – CONNECTING TRAILS

Gravler Way South Morang 3752

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Whittlesea City Council to deliver connection trails as part of the Quarry Hills Parkland Redevelopment Master Plan.

The project will deliver 3.65km of key connecting walking and cycling trails to close the loop providing continuous access through Epping, Wollert, South Morang and Mernda.

The Growing Suburbs fund will contribute to the delivery of:

- Trail 1: Connecting Atrium Reserve to Habitat House (550m)
- Trail 3: Connecting Atrium Reserve to Eagle Shelter via ridge line (1.8km)
- Trail 4: Connecting Atrium Reserve to Eagle Shelter via lower path (1.3km)

This project will provide affordable and accessible recreation space that includes resting and viewing nodes with public furniture. With the parkland rich in aboriginal cultural heritage, the trails will allow the local community and visitors to explore, recognise and appreciate the rich cultural heritage through interpretive signage and wayfinding.

**Expected date of commencement:** December 2022

**Expected date of completion:** August 2023

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,130,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$322,000

**Other contributions:**

- Whittlesea City Council: \$808,000

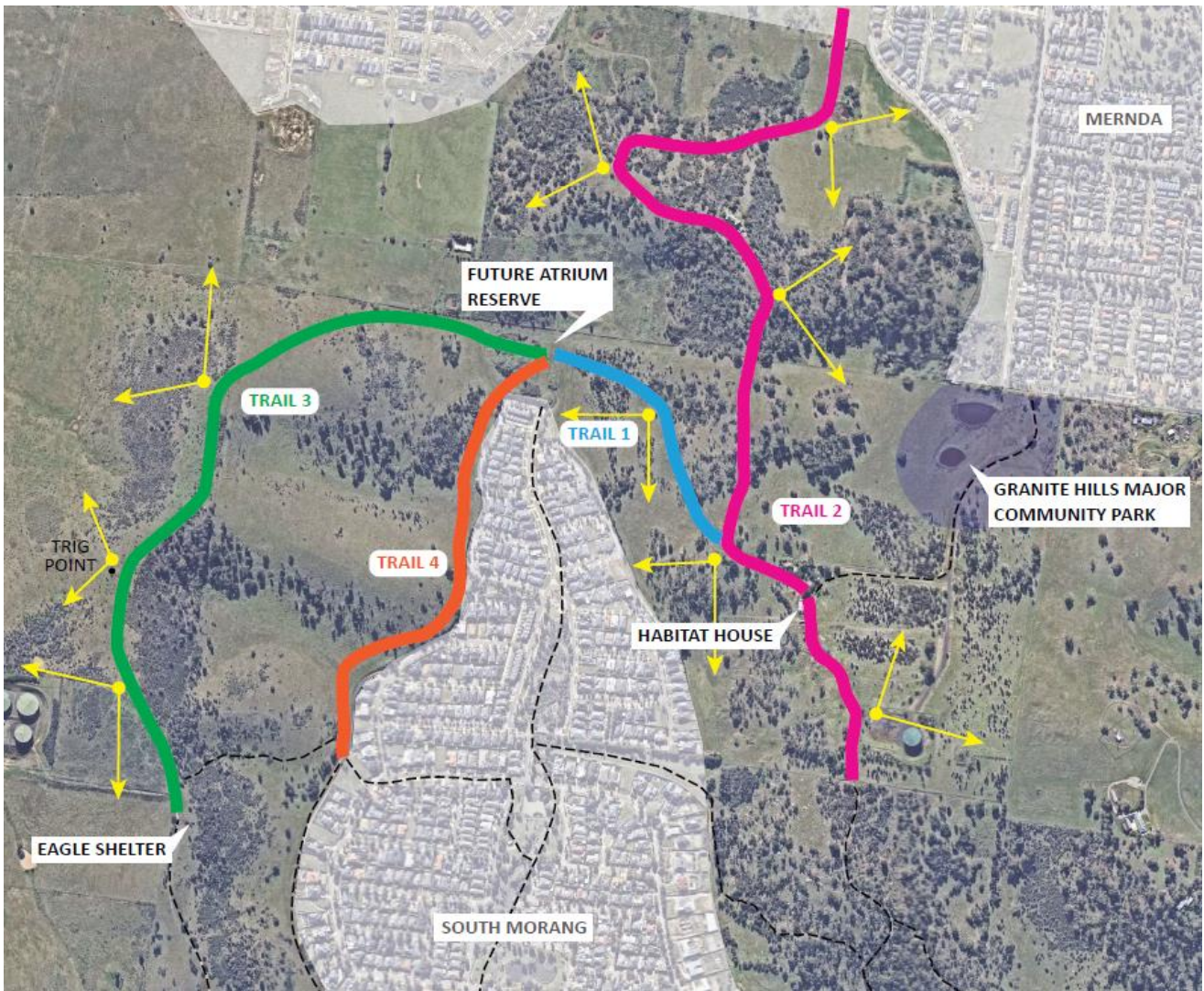


Figure 1: Proposed trails

**The other projects in Whittlesea City Council to receive funding from the Growing Suburbs Fund 2020-21 Round 2 are:**

- Kelynack Recreation Reserve Play Space and Multi Play Area Redevelopment (\$675,000)
- Whittlesea Public Gardens Skate Park and Urban Zone (\$650,000)
- Norris Bank Reserve West Precinct (\$600,000)
- Redleap Recreation Reserve Upgrade (\$525,000)
- Mernda Adventure Park Public Amenity (\$150,000)

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](mailto:gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au)

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