

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

Ryans Creek Reserve Activation Stage 2

Highgate Road, Kilmore 3764

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Mitchell Shire Council to deliver the Ryans Creek Reserve Activation Stage 2 project.

The project will further activate this vital open space corridor and support improved access, social connections and community well-being. Stage 2 will provide a unique public open space and significantly add to the quantity, quality and diversity of public open space in Kilmore.

The project will deliver:

- Walking paths, boardwalks and wetland viewing deck
- Youth space for Parkour and bouldering
- Exercise equipment
- Accessible unisex toilet
- Circular planting and seating
- On street parking including disabled parking with DDA Access
- Kickabout green spaces.

Expected date of commencement: June 2023

Expected date of completion: October 2023

Total Project Cost: \$1,100,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$900,000

Other contributions:

- Mitchell Shire Council: \$200,000

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

- Greenhill Reserve Playspace Project (\$110,000)
- Chittick Park Accessible Playspace Project (\$750,000)

- Wallan Central Cycle and Nature Trail Project (\$800,000)



Figure 1: Concept design

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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