

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.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council



Macedon Ranges Shire is a semi-rural municipality. Located within an hours' drive of Melbourne's CBD to the south and Bendigo to the north.

The Shire's most important industry is tourism and is popular with both domestic and international visitors due to its natural attraction, wineries, and proximity to the Melbourne metropolitan area.

Known as one of Victoria's peri-urban councils, the area recorded a growth rate of 1.5% in 2019-20¹. The current population of 50,971 is expected to grow to 64,643 or 26.8% 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. Regional areas are much less impacted, at least partly due to migration from Melbourne to the regions.

¹ ABS Regional Population Growth March, 2022

² Victoria in Future, 2019

Riddells Creek Leisure Centre Multi-Purpose Room Extension

26-32 Sutherland Road, Riddells Creek 3431

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Macedon Ranges Shire Council to deliver a multi-purpose room extension at the Riddells Creek Leisure Centre,

The multi-purpose room was constructed in 1994 and requires an upgrade to extend the existing room. The room will be extended from its original 42m² to 72.4m². The works will create a more functional space for children to seniors in a range of recreational and leisure programs such as dance, martial arts and group fitness. The new space will increase in leisure program hours for at least 18 per week, offering a significant benefit to residents in the catchment area while allowing for future capacity to grow along with the local population.

The project will deliver:

- Extension of existing multi-purpose room
- Sprung timber flooring to multipurpose area
- New Kitchenette with overhead cupboards and capacity for refrigeration
- Vinyl floor coverings in front of kitchenette
- Expanded storage space to support program specific equipment
- Wall Mirrors and mounted ballet barre
- New access door to existing storeroom.

Expected date of commencement: April 2022

Expected date of completion: August 2022

Total Project Cost: \$230,000

Growing Suburbs Fund: \$230,000



Figure 1: Concept design Architecture Matters

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

For more information regarding these projects contact the GSF team at gsf@ecodev.vic.gov.au

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