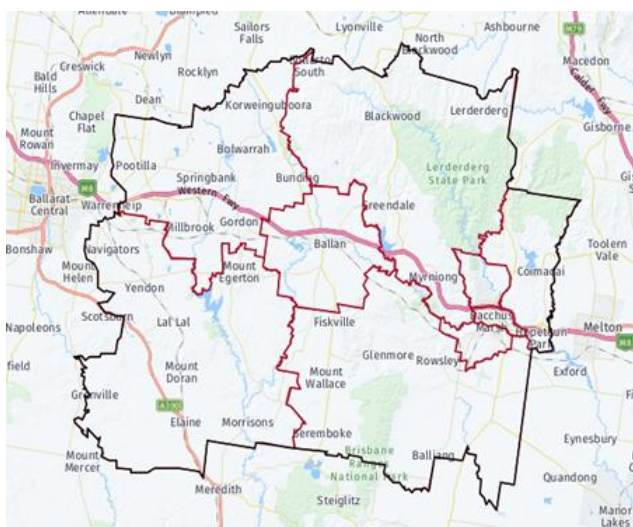


# Growing Suburbs Fund 2021-22

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.

## Moorabool Shire Council



Moorabool Shire is located in south-western Victoria, about 80 kilometres west of the Melbourne CBD and borders the City of Ballarat to the west.

Known as one of Victoria's peri-urban councils, the area recorded a growth rate of 2.7% in 2019-20.<sup>1</sup> The current population of 36,013 is expected to grow to 49,939 or 38.7% by 2036.<sup>2</sup>

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.

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

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

## Ballan Library and Community Hub

127 Inglis Street, Ballan 3342

The Growing Suburbs Fund will assist Moorabool Shire Council to deliver a state of the art facility that will provide services and programs to young families through to the 65+ members of the community.

The Ballan Library and Community Hub will provide:

- A library over two levels
- Multi-use Gallery and Exhibition space
- Maternal & Child Health Centre, including consultation spaces and waiting area
- Staff work office area
- Meeting Rooms which will allow after-hours access for community use
- Visitor Information Centre
- Courtyard with Landscaping.

**Expected date of commencement:** June 2023

**Expected date of completion:** March 2025

**Total Project Cost:** \$6,800,000

**Growing Suburbs Fund:** \$3,500,000

**Other contributions:**

- Living Libraries Infrastructure Program \$1,500,000
- Moorabool Shire Council: \$1,800,000



Figure 1: Artist impression Antarctica Architects

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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