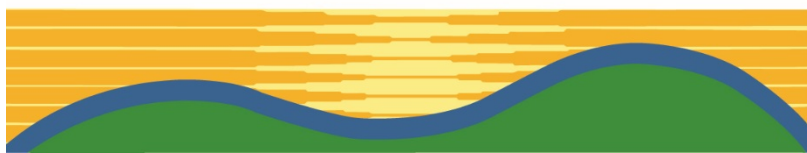


MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2021
7.00pm

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Ordinary Council Meeting** of the Mitchell Shire Council will be held **online** on **Monday 20 September 2021** commencing at **7.00pm**.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 WELCOME

The Mayor formally opens the meeting with an acknowledgement of country and welcomes all present.

2 GOVERNANCE DECLARATION**3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE****4 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 130(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 August 2021, as circulated, be confirmed.

6 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**7 PRESENTATIONS**

8 ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITIES

8.1 GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2021/2022 PRIORITY APPROVAL

Author: Jo Wilson - Manager Community Planning and Delivery

File No: GS/04/011

Attachments: 1. Ryans Creek Activation Stage Two Concept Plan
2. Wallan Community Park - Nature Trail Concept Plan

1. Purpose

1.1 For Council to endorse the project priorities for the 2021/22 Growing Suburbs Fund through the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR).

2. Background

2.1 DJPR has recently announced the 2021/2022 Growing Suburbs Fund with a total of \$50m available for community infrastructure in which 16 Local Government Areas are eligible to apply across all Interface and Peri-urban Councils.

2.2 Council has identified priority projects for submission to the Growing Suburbs Fund which align with Council's strategic priorities and are eligible for funding under the program guidelines.

3. Key Matters

3.1 Council officers have identified four key projects as priorities for this funding grant for 2021/2022.

3.2 The identified projects in priority order are:

1. Chittick Park Accessible Playspace, Seymour
2. Ryans Creek Activation Stage Two, Kilmore (Concept Plan is at Attachment 1)
3. Wallan Central Cycle and Nature Trail, Wallan (Concept Plan is at Attachment 2)
4. Greenhill Reserve Playspace, Wallan

Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Endorses the following projects in priority order for submissions to the Growing Suburbs Fund:
 - i) Chittick Park Accessible Playspace, Seymour - seeking \$750,000 towards a \$900,000 project

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2021/2022 PRIORITY APPROVAL (CONT.)

- ii) Ryans Creek Activation Stage Two, Kilmore - seeking \$900,000 towards a \$1,100,000 project
- iii) Wallan Central Cycle and Nature Trail, Wallan – seeking \$800,000 towards a \$1,000,000 project
- iv) Greenhill Reserve Playspace, Wallan - seeking \$110,000 towards a \$140,000 project

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2021/2022 PRIORITY APPROVAL (CONT.)

4. Financial, Resource and Asset Management Implications

- 4.1 Under the funding guidelines, projects that have significant Council contributions and attract further public, not-for-profit or private sector investment are considered desirable and strongly encouraged. The guidelines also state that applicants must contribute resources and funding to any GSF funded project.
- 4.2 Mitchell Shire Council acknowledges that the Growing Suburbs Fund is seeking projects which attract significant co-contributions from councils. However Mitchell Shire Council's ability to match funds is restricted due to its unique position of having an extremely low rates revenue and low capital resources as compared to the other Interface councils.
- 4.3 The Chittick Park, Seymour and Greenhill Playspace, Wallan are listed in the current four year capital works program.
- 4.4 Expected Council contribution to the project proposals is:

Project	Cost Estimate	Grant Funding	Council Contribution
Chittick Park Seymour	\$900,000	\$750,000	\$150,000
Ryans Creek Reserve Kilmore	\$1,100,000	\$900,000	\$200,00
Wallan Central Cycle and Nature Trail Wallan	\$1,000,000	\$800,00	\$200,000
Greenhill Playspace Wallan	\$140,000	\$110,000	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$3,140,000	\$2,285,000	\$855,000

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2021/2022 PRIORITY APPROVAL (CONT.)

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken with community but the identification of the current proposed projects is based upon town structure plans and Community Vision and Council Plan consultation.

6. Sustainability Implications (Social and Environmental)

- 6.1 The projects identified as priorities all aim to improve the social, environmental and wellbeing outcomes for the Mitchell Shire community and will reflect the objectives of the Council's *Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025*, *Sustainable Resources Management Strategy*, *Play Space Strategy*, *Mitchell Open Space Strategy 2013-2023* and the *Life Stages Strategy and Environment Policy*.

7. Policy and Legislative Implications

- 7.1 Projects identified as priorities align with the adopted Structure Plans and Council Strategies and Policies.

8. Alignment to Council Plan

- 8.1 Council Plan 2017-2021 –

1. Relentlessly advocate for funding to benefit our community
2. Plan for growth and change through best practice design of services, infrastructure, open space and recreation facilities
3. Work with government and local partners to facilitate community wellbeing

9. Conflict of Interest

- 9.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

10. Risk Implications

- 10.1 Risk Ranking is determined using [ROHS201-G1-Corporate Risk Matrix](#). Risk is identified as Low, Medium, High or Very High.

Risk	Risk Ranking	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
Insufficient budget to complete projects	Medium	Concept plan works and cost estimates for some projects have already been completed and others are in progress with internal staff and design consultants	Yes

GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2021/2022 PRIORITY APPROVAL (CONT.)

Risk	Risk Ranking	Proposed Treatments	Within Existing Resources?
		Costs estimated against similar projects that have recently been completed	

11. Discussion

- 11.1 In recent years Mitchell Shire Council has been very successful in securing Growing Suburbs funding grants for much needed community infrastructure across the Shire.
- 11.2 The priority projects aim to bring forward the delivery of critical community infrastructure needs across the Shire and deliver projects which support community connection and deliver critical social, recreation and economic benefits to residents.
- 11.3 These projects are in townships across the shire and look to promote community connectivity and engagement and to enhance amenity across the Shire.



Design Elements - Stage 2

- 1 Pedestrian bridge
- 2 Wetland viewing deck
- 3 Exercise station
- 4 Circular planting and seating space
- 5 Accessible public toilet
- 6 Youth space
- 7 Car parking
- 8 Urban forest
- 9 Open grassed kickabout space

Reference images showing possible features and landscape character: subject to consultation, budget and detailed design.



**Ryans Creek Linear Park, Kilmore
Stage 2 Concept Plan**



- ❶ Rejuvenated entrances
- ❷ New circuit paths
- ❸ Scattered nature play elements
- ❹ New bridges
- ❺ Upgrade Wedding Drive link
- Existing paths
- New paths
- Merri Creek tributary
- Existing wetlands
- Nature play elements
- Rejuvenated entrances



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Wallan Community Park Nature Trail Concept Plan

