

Cultural heritage



Aboriginal people have a deep and continuous connection to the place now called Victoria, evidenced by the number of statewide cultural heritage places.

Bass Coast LGA has 592 registered cultural heritage places including burials, artefact scatters, earth features, low density artefact distributions, object collections, quarries, scarred trees and shell middens.

Throughout this document the term “Aboriginal” is used to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Use of the terms “Koori”, “Koorie” and “Indigenous” are retained in the names of programs and initiatives, and, unless noted otherwise, are inclusive of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Data sources other than the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census

- 1. Maternal and Child Health Annual Report 2012-13, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- 2. Victorian Local Government Aboriginal Engagement and Reconciliation Survey 2012, Reconciliation Victoria

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Aboriginal community profile series

BASS COAST
Local Government Area

Overview



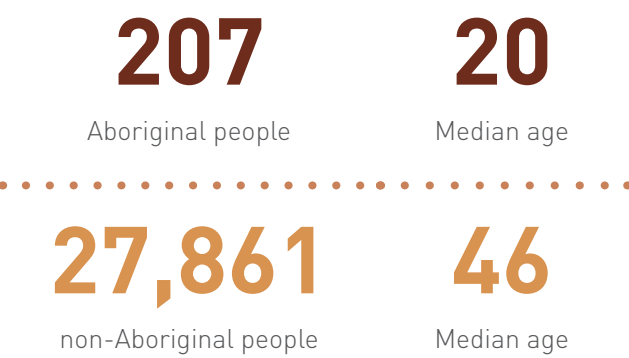
The Life Course Approach to Aboriginal Affairs in Victoria

The *Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Framework 2013-2018* is the Government’s plan for closing the gap in Victoria by 2031, working in partnership with Aboriginal communities, service providers and the business sector.

This document provides a statistical profile of Aboriginal people within the Bass Coast Local Government Area (LGA). It acknowledges Aboriginal community organisations and identifies achievements and challenges relating to the Aboriginal community.

The profile is intended to support conversations between communities, service providers, governments and other key stakeholders. The information can help inform approaches and action at the local level to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people and deliver improved health, education, and employment outcomes.

Population in 2011



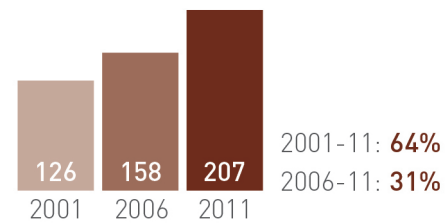
Aboriginal organisations

Known Traditional Owners
Boon Wurrung Foundation Limited
Bunurong Land and Sea Association Inc
Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
Key community groups
Bass Coast South Gippsland Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
Central Gippsland Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group
Gippsland Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee
Gippsland Closing the Health Gap Advisory Committee

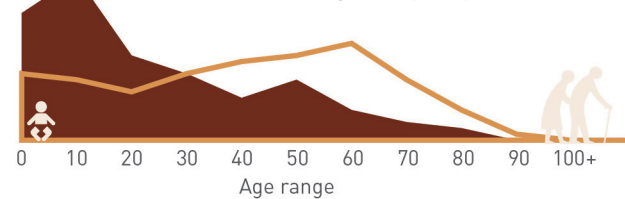
Please refer to “Victoria” profile for a list of statewide Aboriginal organisations, as these may be active in this LGA. Also note there may be other Aboriginal organisations and community groups which operate in this area.

Community

Population increase rate



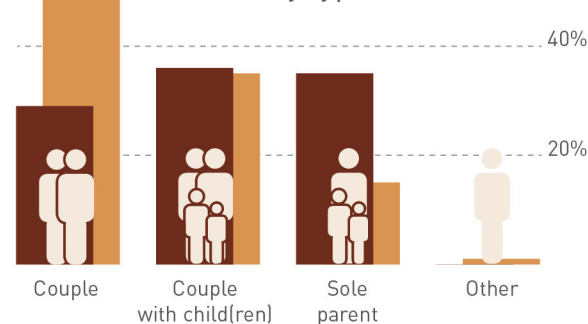
Age distribution of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people



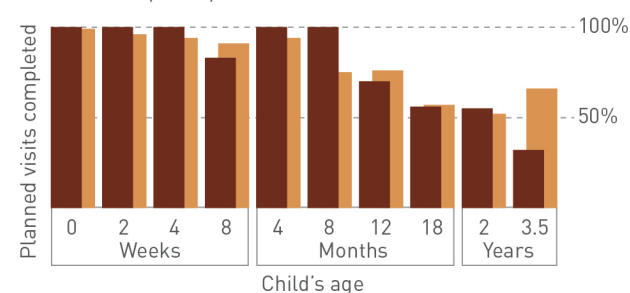
People who:

- need assistance with a disability: 5% (Aboriginal) vs 6% (non-Aboriginal)
- provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability: 9% (Aboriginal) vs 14% (non-Aboriginal)
- provide unpaid childcare: 26% (Aboriginal) vs 29% (non-Aboriginal)
- volunteer with an organisation: 20% (Aboriginal) vs 25% (non-Aboriginal)

Family types

Maternal and child health visits¹

This graph shows Aboriginal participation rates compared with participation rates for all children



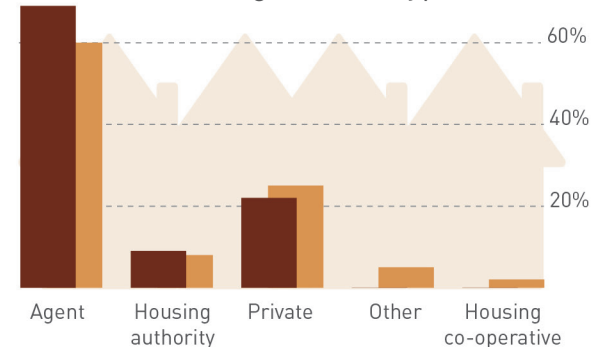
Housing and mobility

People whose home is:

Owned: 36% (Aboriginal) vs 74% (non-Aboriginal)
 Rented: 53% (Aboriginal) vs 25% (non-Aboriginal)

(Does not include rent-free arrangements and retirement communities)

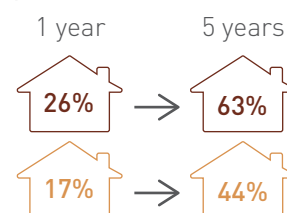
Rental agreement types



Aboriginal people whose home is:

free-standing: 88%
 semi-detached: 4%
 a flat or unit: 4%
 mobile or temporary: 5%

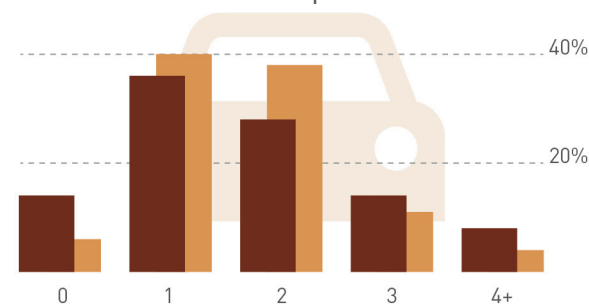
People who had moved prior to 2011, within:



Household internet access

None: 34% (Aboriginal) vs 29% (non-Aboriginal)
 Broadband: 57% (Aboriginal) vs 62% (non-Aboriginal)
 Dial-up: 3% (Aboriginal) vs 5% (non-Aboriginal)
 Other: 6% (Aboriginal) vs 5% (non-Aboriginal)

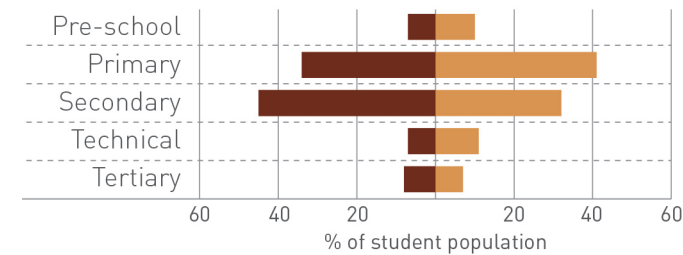
Number of cars per household



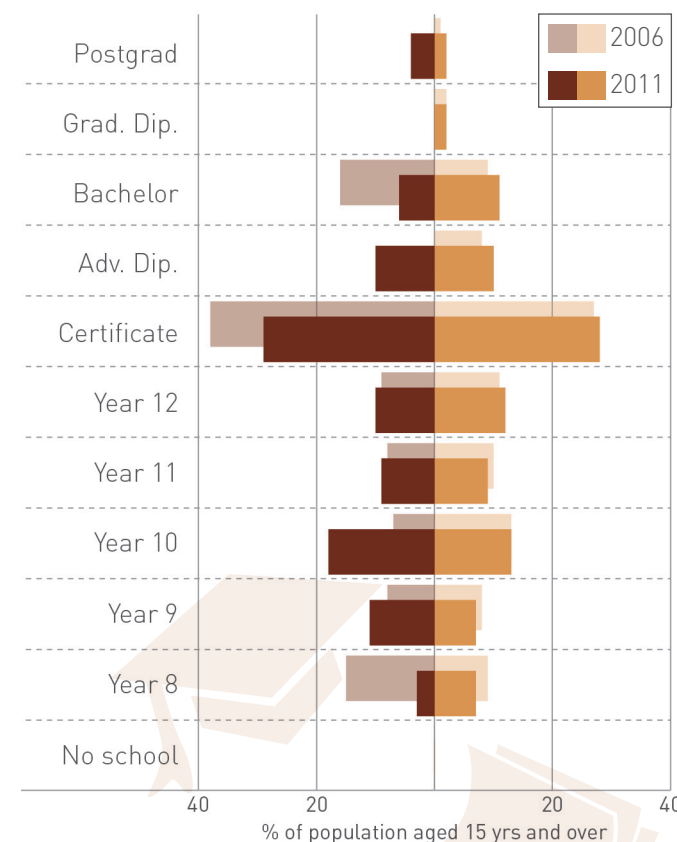
Education

Student distribution

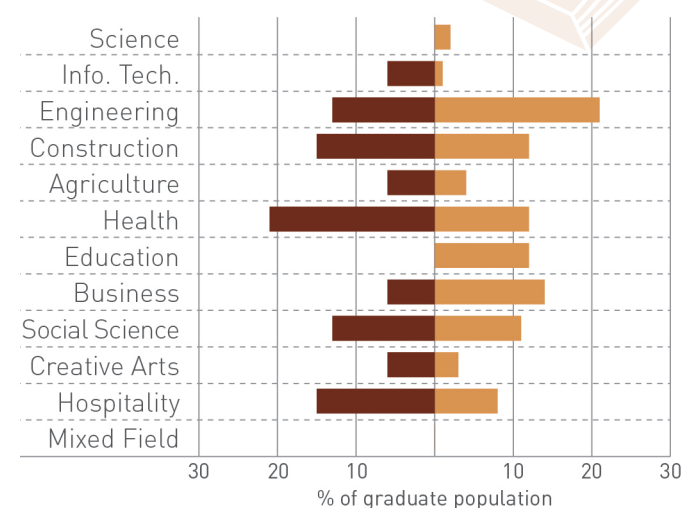
Total students: 74 (Aboriginal) vs 4,815 (non-Aboriginal)



Highest level of education completed



Fields of study



Employment

Median weekly income

\$379 (Aboriginal) vs \$472 (non-Aboriginal)

Employment rate

2006: 87% (Aboriginal) vs 96% (non-Aboriginal)
 2011: 94% (Aboriginal) vs 95% (non-Aboriginal)

Employment status

Full time: 26% (Aboriginal) vs 22% (non-Aboriginal)
 Part time: 30% (Aboriginal) vs 19% (non-Aboriginal)

Weekly hours worked*

0: 5% (Aboriginal) vs 5% (non-Aboriginal)
 <25: 37% (Aboriginal) vs 24% (non-Aboriginal)
 25-39: 29% (Aboriginal) vs 27% (non-Aboriginal)
 40+: 29% (Aboriginal) vs 44% (non-Aboriginal)

Unemployment rate

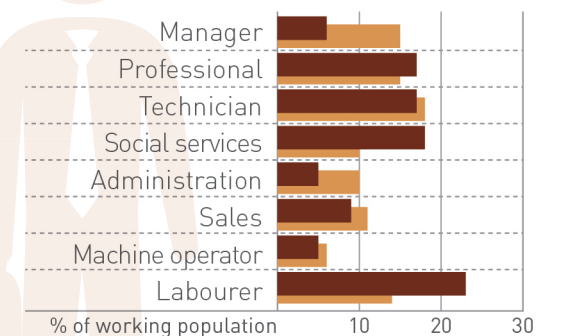
2006: 13% (Aboriginal) vs 4% (non-Aboriginal)
 2011: 6% (Aboriginal) vs 5% (non-Aboriginal)

*Census week

Number of Aboriginal people employed by Bass Coast Shire Council²

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Occupation



Industry

