

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.

Greater Geelong LGA has 1460 registered cultural heritage places including an Aboriginal cultural place, Aboriginal historical places, burials, artefact scatters, earth features, low density artefact distributions, object collections, quarries, scarred trees, shell middens and stone features.

Publicly known cultural heritage places include Wourdi Youang Stone Arrangement, You Yangs Ranges, Woolamanata Occupation Site and McLeods Waterholes, Drysdale.

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

GREATER GEELONG

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 Greater Geelong 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

1,788

Aboriginal people

20

Median age

200,856

non-Aboriginal people

39

Median age

Aboriginal organisations

Key community organisations

Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative

Known Traditional Owners

Wathaurong Aboriginal Corporation<sup>#</sup>

Key community groups

Geelong Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Barwon South West Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group

Barwon South West Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

Geelong Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committee

Barwon South Western Closing the Health Gap Advisory Committee

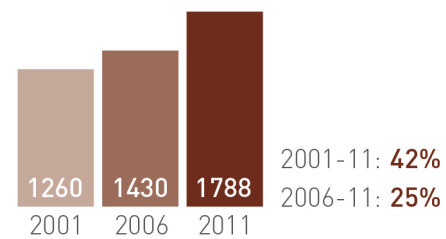
Geelong Local Indigenous Network

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.

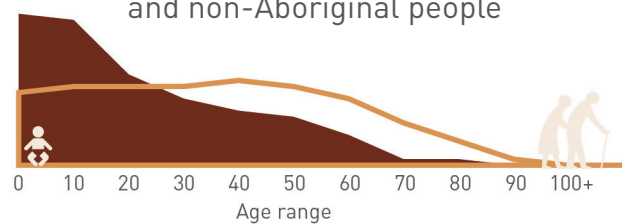
<sup>#</sup>Registered Aboriginal Party covering a specific area within the LGA.

## Community

## Population increase rate



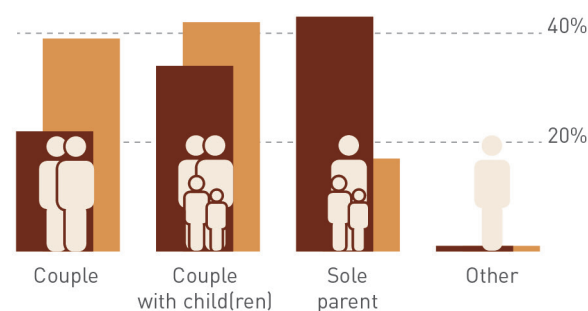
## Age distribution of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people



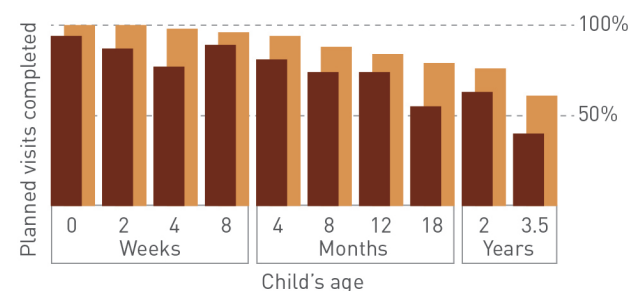
People who:

- need assistance with a disability **6%** **6%**
- provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability **13%** **13%**
- provide unpaid childcare **35%** **31%**
- volunteer with an organisation **20%** **20%**

## Family types

Maternal and child health visits<sup>1</sup>

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



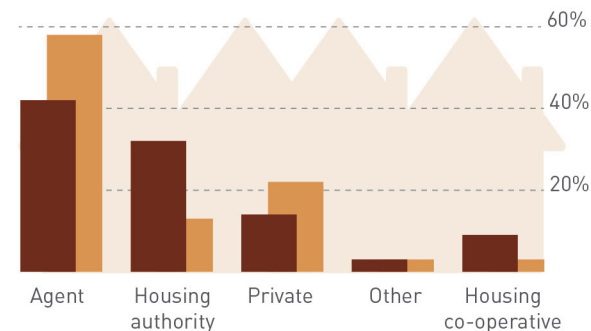
## Housing and mobility

## People whose home is:

Owned **40%** **73%**  
Rented **59%** **25%**

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

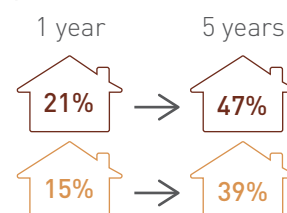
## Rental agreement types



## Aboriginal people whose home is:

free-standing **87%**  
semi-detached **4%**  
a flat or unit **9%**  
mobile or temporary **0%**

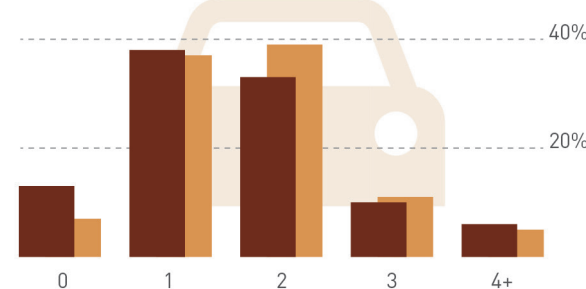
## People who had moved prior to 2011, within:



## Household internet access

None **25%** **24%**  
Broadband **63%** **69%**  
Dial-up **4%** **3%**  
Other **9%** **4%**

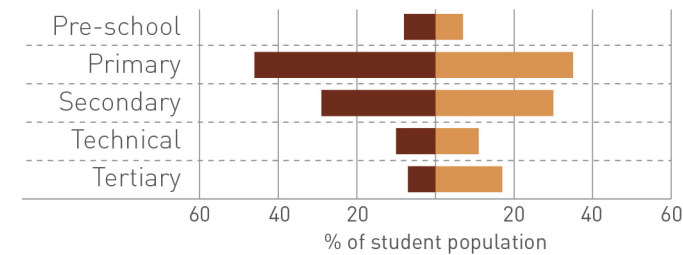
## Number of cars per household



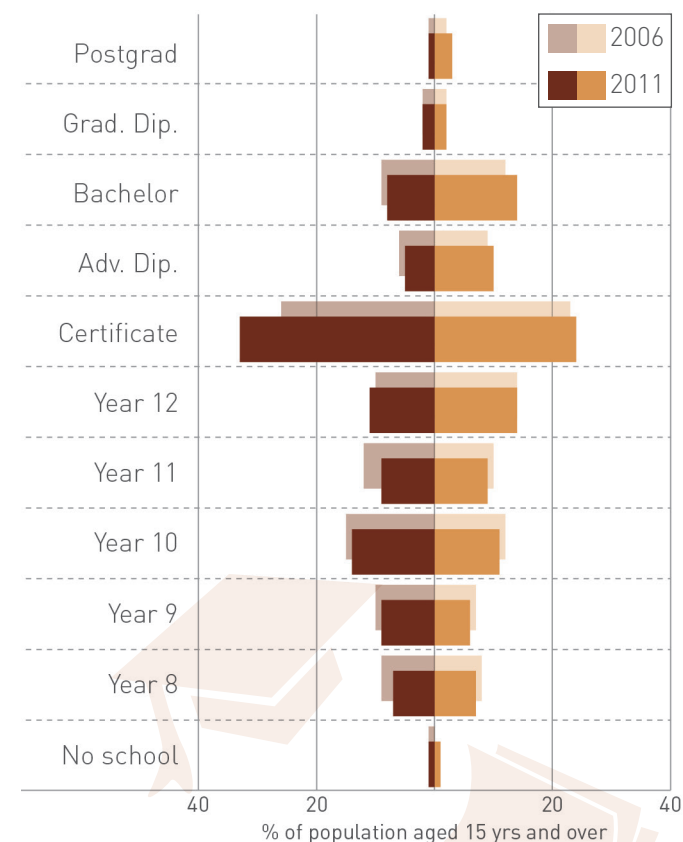
## Education

## Student distribution

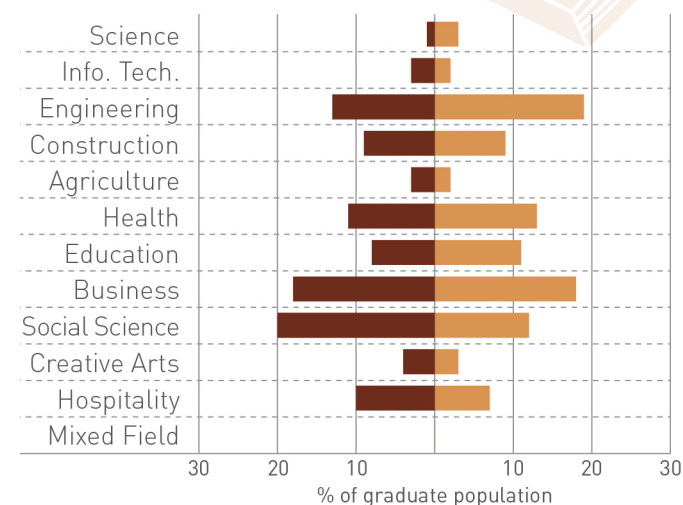
Total students **669** **45,471**



## Highest level of education completed



## Fields of study



## Employment

## Median weekly income

**\$382** **\$518**

## Employment rate

2006 2011

**85%** **86%**  
**94%** **95%**

## Employment status

Full time Part time

**27%** **16%**  
**35%** **20%**

## Weekly hours worked\*

0 <25 25-39 40+

**7%** **25%** **31%** **37%**  
**4%** **24%** **28%** **43%**

\*Census week

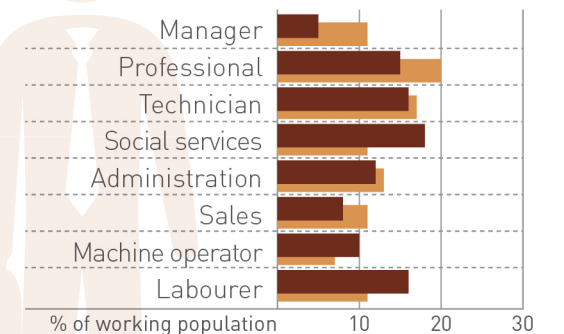
## Unemployment rate

2006 2011

**15%** **14%**  
**6%** **5%**

Number of Aboriginal people employed by Greater Geelong City Council<sup>2</sup>

## Occupation



## Industry

